

Report To: **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Date: 23 January 2020

**Reporting Member/
Officer:** Councillor Bill Fairfoull, Deputy Leader Executive Member
Children and Families
Richard Hancock, Director of Children's Services

Subject: **CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)**

Report Summary: A presentation on the current landscape across Tameside and Greater Manchester in regards to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The session will include an update on Tameside Safeguarding Children's Partnerships work to ensure the safeguarding of local children and young people.

Recommendations: That the Board note the work completed, under way and planned, and consider how members' respective organisations can most effectively support its ongoing development.

Links to Corporate Plan: Resilient families and supportive networks to protect and grow our young people. Reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences and improve the impact of social care practice.

Policy Implications: There are no direct policy implications, but the developments outlined in this presentation move Tameside significantly forward in the delivery of the Greater Manchester Complex Safeguarding Delivery Plan.

Financial Implications: Whilst there are no direct financial implications arising from the report, Members should note that the Council posts referenced within the presentation on slide 4, will equate to an annual cost of £0.182 million in 2020/21. These posts are included within the Children's Social Care directorate.

(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)

Any subsequent changes to this level of ongoing investment by the Council will require appropriate Member and Executive Cabinet approval in advance.

Legal Implications: It is evident that awareness and understanding of CSE and other forms of exploitation has improved significantly since the early 2000s with fundamental changes as to how these issues are responded to and tackled across Greater Manchester. However, whilst we are confident that the shortcomings identified within the Review have been effectively addressed. However, as history informs us, we can never be complacent and that is why Tameside needs to actively seek out local and national learning and welcomes Peer Challenge/review. In addition Tameside is an active member of Project Phoenix arrangements for Greater Manchester. Finally the findings from inspection, peer challenge/review and research will continue to inform and drive Children's Services to continually improve in order to build a safe, happy and healthy future for all our children.

(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

Risk Management: At an operational level active risk management takes place within the Child Sexual Exploitation Team. At a more strategic

level risk management sits with the Complex Safeguarding Strategic Group and the Tameside Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

Background Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Richard Hancock, Director of Children's Services



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