



FIRST FRIDAY SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP FORUM

For all in Education, Health, Children's Social Care, Police, Adult and other public services who are members of the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership



AGENDA FOR FRIDAY 5th May 2023 10am -11.30am
"FIRST FRIDAY" SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP FORUM
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Time	Item	Presenter
10.00	Welcome and Introduction Recap Standing items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 min Briefing Update Action Plan reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live Sign 	Natalie Newton NSPC Service Manager
	Newham Child Exploitation Practice Guidance	<i>Natalie Newton</i>
	7 min briefing Extra Familial Harm Menti- Meter Questions	Video
	Child Exploitation Appropriate Language Guide 2022.pdf (childrenssociety.org.uk) Victim blaming language - YouTube Any Questions	Sheila Leighton Discussion & Video
	LFB's changed approach to Home Fire Safety Visits Partner Agencies Menti- Meter Questions	Richard Arnold Borough Commander (Fire) Newham
	Feedback from NSCP TNA March 2023 and Training Available 2023	Sheila Leighton <i>Safeguarding Lead</i>
	Menti- Meter Questions	
11:25	Closing Remarks	

Dates of Future Meetings: 7th July 2023

8th September 2023, 3rd November 2023, 12th January 2024, 8th March 2024, 3rd May 2024, 5th July 2024

March Recap

Rochdale Child Death – Awaab Ishak

Newham's response

Exploration of the Ishak Family's lived Experience –

Could this happen in Newham?

NSCP TNA and Training Available 2022-23



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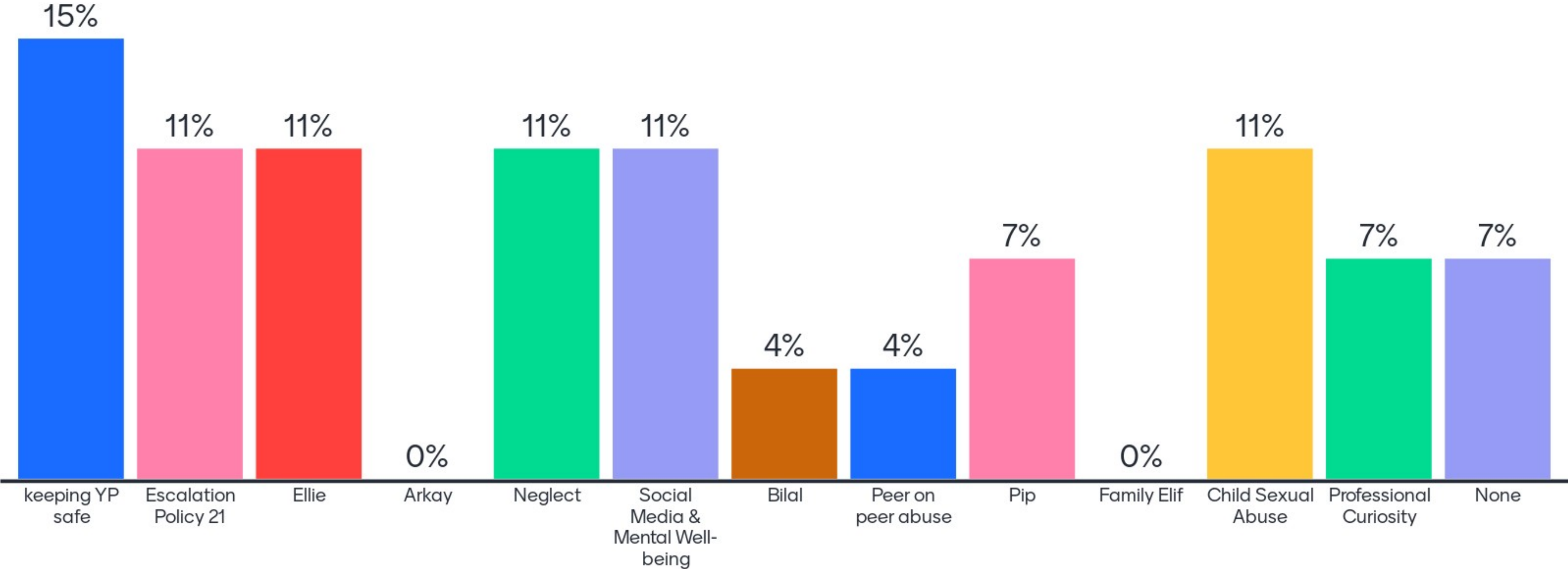
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What 7 minute briefings have you used ?





Live Sign up

- Take this opportunity to request access to the confidential site.
- This comes with responsibilities –
 - That you disseminate the information within your establishment
 - Complete action plan to document and evidence change and outcomes
 - Share your action plan with the NSCP

How to access the secure 7 minute briefings



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Email the LSCB.administrator@newham.gov.uk using the subject title: *Access to secure 7 minute briefings*

Please send your *feedback* to the same email address with details of who the briefing has been shared with and how the learning is being used to improve safeguarding practice.



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Children & Young People

Parents & Carers

Professionals

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Early Help

Learning Zone

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7 Minute Briefings – Confidential Area

This password protected area contains learning related to Newham specific cases. To document your learning you can access this tool, which can evidence and track the learning with in your agency. This area should be used to share good practice and learning within Newham.

Please add in the same the provided log-in password to watch all videos.

Anna



Ellie



Keeping Young People Safe





Name of section and team Contact details

Please ensure you keep a copy of this discussion and plan for your records

Feedback Plan

What actions have been agreed to improve practice?

Please ensure you keep a copy of this discussion and plan for your records

Identify the learning or recommendations that are relevant to your team and your team's discussion on those points

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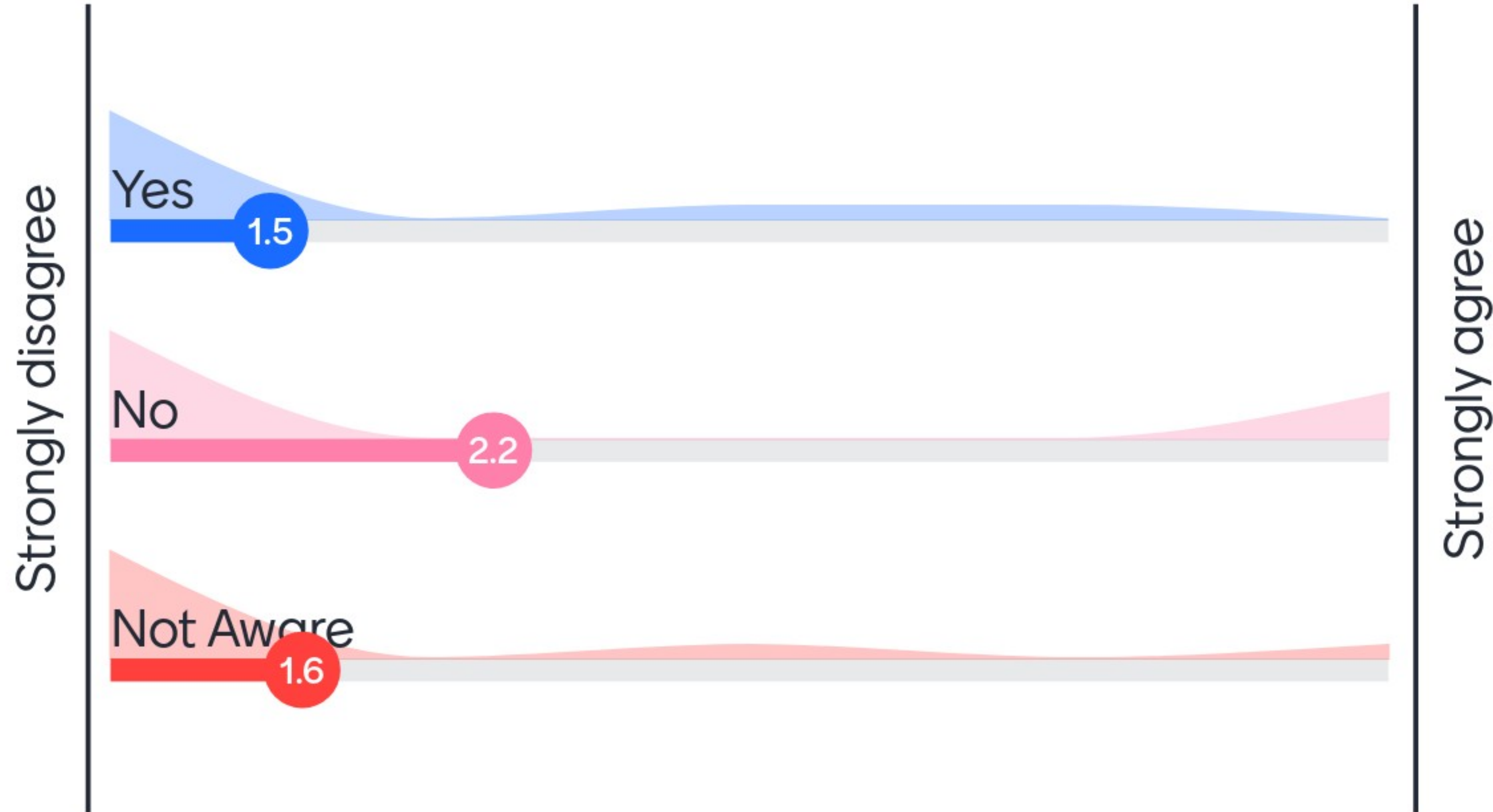
7 Minute Briefing – Feedback Sheet

Title of 7 Minute briefing

Name of organisation Team manager

What need to happen?	Who will do it?	By when?	How will you know when this has been done?	How will you know if it has worked?

Have you completed a feedback form?



7 Minute Briefing Extra Familiar Harm



What can you take away from this briefing?

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Answers

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Pathway to tackle exploitation and youth violence

I agree the unexplained hand injury might need some background information in that is supplied with the video

Continue with professional curiosity when things don't seem to add up.

It was a brilliant summation. It was all things I knew as I am the SYV & CCE lead for the YJS, sit on LBNIPB, MACE, PRCD etc. This briefing will be great for some of our new staff.

The training resources and links are very good .The graphic is very helpful

Include them as part of our induction with new starters and with existing staff.

Good info graphic that can be shared as to different points of referral

Different national resources to support this work really useful

Fire safety- really useful. It was not something I considered when carrying out a home visit

What can you take away from this briefing?

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Answers

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yes the video was very helpful and the smoke alarms info

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What do you think you will do differently?

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Answers

Be more professionally curious

Being more mindful about language used
and to encourage staff to be aware of the
chromed end society doc

How will you know things have changed?

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Answers

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Increase awareness

Feedback from professionals

Data audits

Hopefully more transparency and
greater two way communication as
an institution between YP and staff

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Newham Exploitation Practice Guidance

<https://www.newhamscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Child-Exploitation-Practice-Guidance-Feb-2022.pdf>



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Child Exploitation Practice Guidance February *2022 overview*

- **Partnership Response:** Child Exploitation Framework and single integrated Explaoation Pathway
- **Preventing Child Explaoation and Harm Hub (PECHH)**
- **Multi Agency Exploitation Panel (MACE)**
- **Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Group (NAESG)**

and more information on models of practice is available [here](#)

- The aims and purpose of the guidance is to

- Identify those who are at risk of being exploited, by sharing information at an early stage and assessing risk using the Child Exploitation Screening Tool;
- Apply pro-active problem solving to address the risks associated with victims, perpetrators and locations and to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of children/young people who are or may be at risk from exploitation;
- Take proactive action against those who are intent on sexually or criminally abusing and exploiting children and young people;
- Ensure timely and effective interventions are offered to children and families so as to safeguard those vulnerable to exploitation.
- Ensure partnership agencies work collaboratively to safeguard children/young people who are being or are at risk of being exploited.
- To use data and intelligence to develop an understanding of child exploitation taking place across Newham, implement disruption tactics and ensure services are commissioned which can meet identified need.

Child Exploitation Framework and Single Integrated Exploitation Pathway

The Newham Child Exploitation Framework promotes a multi-agency approach that responds to the government's objectives outlined in 'Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation' Progress Report February 2017 which are:

- Tackling offenders
- Reducing vulnerability
- Supporting victims and survivors.
- The Framework seeks to unify a process of recognition, risk assessment, referral and discussion amongst professionals utilising a single process for all. By doing so, there is a clear pathway by which to ensure all organisations unify to provide the best service possible for all children and young people who are at risk of being exploited across Newham.
- The Framework has four interrelated pillars supporting a single integrated pathway:
 - Contextual Safeguarding Information and Intelligence Sharing Meeting (**CSISM**);
 - Preventing Child Exploitation Harm Hub (**PCEHH**);
 - Multi-agency Child Exploitation Panel (**MACE**)
 - Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategic Group (**NAESG**)

Contextual Safeguarding Information and Intelligence Sharing Meeting (CSISM)

- The CSISM has been established to support the development of an embedded CE and contextual safeguarding specialism in the MASH.
- The CSISM is an information and intelligence sharing meeting held three times a week with a focus on safeguarding adolescents from exploitation and extrafamilial harm and the contexts where harm is happening.
- The meeting is led by a children's social care manager and a police detective lead for child exploitation.
- The purpose of the meeting is to coordinate timely and proportionate responses to children and young people at risk of exploitation including signposting active cases to lead professionals, ensuring referrals to children's social care service are made where there is known or suspected significant harm. Incidents relating to children both missing from care will be looked at.

Preventing Child Exploitation and Harm Hub (PCEHH)

The PCEHH is a weekly multidisciplinary meeting chaired by the Director of Early Help & Children's Health.

- The PCEHH helps to identify and engage with children and young people who may be potentially at risk from exploitation by responding to earlier 'critical moments' indicated via referrals from MASH.
- The PCEHH panel is for children who are not open (and do not have siblings open) to Children's Social Care, where there are concerns around potential risk of exploitation and that need an early coordinated response to reduce risk.
- For the purposes of the PCEHH a child/young person or a group of children/young people are:
 - anyone under the age of 25
 - with known vulnerabilities and indicate emerging and/or escalating risks of exploitation that do not warrant social care involvement at this stage
 - at risk of, or already experiencing harm caused by people outside their family and/or
 - at risk of, or already causing harm to young people outside their family
- PCEHH consists of representatives from a range of partner agencies who can make a significant contribution to the delivery of early help interventions in response to the identified need and risk.

Multi-Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE)

Child Exploitation Panel (MACE) takes place monthly and is chaired by a senior manager from children's social care and senior police officer.

- The Multi-agency The MACE meetings provides the framework to allow regular information sharing and action planning to tackle child exploitation and reduce extra-familial risk and harm across Newham.
- Representatives from a range of statutory, voluntary and community sector agencies attend the meeting.
- The meeting discuss concerns about child exploitation already reviewed by the MASH.
- The MACE aims to ensures that a multi-agency assessment and safety plan has been completed, detailing the tactical response to be provided by relevant agencies

Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Group (NAESG)

The group is chaired by a senior leader from LA children's services.

- The Newham Adolescent Exploitation Strategy Group (NAESG) reports to the Newham Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) and meets every two months.
- The purpose of the NAESG is to: oversee the Adolescent Exploitation Strategy and integrated youth safety action plan; ascertain that there are sufficient resources and policy direction to enable operational lead officers to undertake work to prevent exploitation, protect victims and to prosecute offenders and enable senior leaders to have a line of sight about the most vulnerable children and young people in addition to a clear understanding of the scale of child exploitation in Newham.
- This is put into action by responding to themes, trends, emerging risks and practice issues reported from the MACE Panel.

APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE: CHILD EXPLOITATION

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

[HTTPS://WWW.CHILDRENSOCIETY.ORG.UK/INFORMATION/PROFESSIONALS/RESOURCES/CHILD-EXPLOITATION-LANGUAGE-GUIDE](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/professionals/resources/child-exploitation-language-guide)

WHEN TALKING ABOUT CHILDREN AND EXPLOITATION, LANGUAGE MATTERS.

- It can be the difference between a child being properly safeguarded or put at further risk of exploitation.
- The guidance was produced to influence the direct practice of professionals as well as the wider culture of safeguarding children and young people

IMPACT OF LANGUAGE

- The more we speak and listen to victims and survivors of exploitation, the better we understand how our language can impact them and the support they receive. Changing our language can make a significant difference not only to the young people with whom we work, but also to our own mindset and decision-making.
- The language we use to describe things shapes how we perceive them.
- Individuals rarely intend to use language that is victim blaming. It's often unconscious. The language we use is shaped by and normalised within the cultures we work, live, and spend time in.
- Language is always changing. Terms that were common and accepted in the recent past may no longer be. It is important to have an open and reflective mindset to ensure we all adapt, just as language does over time.

Your words have the power
*to hurt, to heal, open minds,
open hearts and change the world.*
**Never forget the responsibility you
have over the words you speak.**

-Steven Aitchison



[FamousQuotes.com](https://www.FamousQuotes.com)

LANGUAGE GUIDANCE

- This is a guide for using appropriate language when discussing children and their experience of exploitation in a range of contexts:
- When speaking directly with or discussing children
- Within recording and case management systems
- When delivering relevant training or other learning interventions.
- The document can inform and help frame discussions during child protection and multiagency meetings, or other settings where professionals are discussing children and young people who are at risk of or subjected to exploitation.
- We hope this guidance will influence both the direct practice of professionals who are responding to children subjected to exploitation as well as wider organisational culture across safeguarding partnerships.

WHAT ARE WE AFFIRMING FOR THE PEOPLE WE SUPPORT

- All words whether spoken, written or thought are an affirmation
- Affirmations are based on the idea that when something is heard, spoken or written enough people believe its true!
- Comes from the idea that how we think or feel about ourselves and the things we hear about ourselves informs how we subconsciously treat ourselves.

The Power of Words in Social Work – Social Work Week 2023

[\(140\) The power of words in social work | Social Work Week 2023 - YouTube](#)

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE EXAMPLE

‘MONEY MULES’

- **Why is it a problem?**
- It describes these children as animals. It dehumanises them and risks reinforcing negative narratives and stereotypes of child victims as offenders. It also risks creating negative self-image amongst young people.
- The term ‘money mule’ is also unhelpful because it focuses the conversation entirely on the person’s actions – in this case fraudulent bank activity – and ignores the complexity of the situation and the child’s exploitation while implying consent and agency. In the same way that describing a criminal exploited young person groomed into county lines as a ‘drug dealer’ is unhelpful, so is the use of the term ‘money mules’ in this context.
- **The reality**
- Describing children whose bank accounts are used for criminal activity as ‘money mules’, ignores the full reality of their experiences and minimises the control, coercion and abuse they may have experienced. The recruitment of these victims follows a familiar pattern to other forms of child exploitation. They are targeted by perpetrators and then groomed, often through promises of payment or gifts (such as online gaming credits or skins), they may be tested through small transactions and are eventually trapped in debt bondage and potential poverty through funds being confiscated and accounts shut down. Exploiters will then capitalise on this and use the situation to coerce the child into other forms of exploitation.
- **What should be done?**
- Using appropriate language can help professionals to reframe the issue from one of fraud, criminality, and choice, to one of exploitation and abuse. This shift encourages appropriate safeguarding interventions which lead to improved support and outcomes for children.

VICTIM BLAMING

- DON'T use language implying that the child or young person is responsible in any way for abuse and crime that they are subjected to. A child cannot consent to their own exploitation.
- Victim-blaming language can reinforce the shame and guilt that perpetrators make their victims feel when trying to control them. It can also strengthen emotional bonds between victims and perpetrators. It creates a mind-set in which both exploiter and exploited are blameworthy and united as 'part of a team'.
- It can further create barriers between professionals and young people as it may lead to a young person thinking they will not be believed or supported if they share their experience of abuse. This message is often reinforced by exploiters who will try and distance the young person from safeguarding professionals and positive influences.
- The persistent use of victim-blaming terminology is likely to alter the perspective of a professional. This language is both symptomatic of and a contributor towards compassion fatigue and can therefore also have a negative impact on staff well-being and effective practice across teams and services.

VIDEO CLIP



Victim blaming language Waltham Forest Council

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AND WE NEED TO LISTEN
AND HEAR!

THANK YOU

Richard Arnold

Borough Commander (Fire) Newham



A new approach to Home Fire Safety Visits Information for our Partner Agencies

March 2023

LFB have a new Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) strategy

- LFB carry out Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) across London. We come out to your home, or the home of someone you care for, to provide personalised advice about fire safety.
- We also provide an **online checker which will give you tailored advice to keep your home safe**. This is free and easy use.
- LFB are changing our approach to Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) with us moving to a new strategy **on 3 April 2023**. This will allow us to allocate the majority of our safety advice resources to the most vulnerable Londoners.
- Full details can be found on our website [Home Fire Safety | London Fire Brigade \(london-fire.gov.uk\)](https://london-fire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety)
- As a valued community partner, there are two things you can do to help:
 - you can help us **identify and refer people who are at high risk** who would most benefit from a Home Fire Safety Visit
 - you can play a vital role in helping us **reach a large audience with our messaging about our online Home Fire Safety Checker**
- The following slides set out some information on our risk categories and how you can sign post your networks and people you work with to the most appropriate option.

Risk factors for HFSVs

There are a number of factors that LFB uses to categorise whether an individual is at higher risk. These fall into three categories:

- **Increased risk of fire** – This can be due to behaviours such as smoking. This also includes characteristics identified from LFB's data from past incidents such as living alone, over 60 years old or in receipt of formal care in receipt of care (informal, formal or both)
- **Less able to react** – This could be someone who has a hearing impairment or a mental health condition. It could also be someone without a working smoke alarm.
- **Less able to escape** – This could be a user of mobility aids, or someone who is chair/bed bound. It could also be someone who has a blocked escape route which would impede them leaving their home.

If you think someone might be high risk based on the information above, please refer them to us for a HFSV.

How to refer high risk people for a Home Fire Safety Visit

If you work with anyone who may fall into the **high risk category**, we encourage you to refer them for a HFSV as soon as possible by calling **0800 028 4428**

They will be asked a series of triage questions to determine the risk.

This will determine how quickly they receive a HFSV from a local crew.

This will be 4 hours for very high risk, 7 days for high risk, and 1 month for medium risk.

Those who fall into a lower risk category will be directed the online checker which will provide fire safety advice tailored for their homes.

[Home Fire Safety Checker | London Fire Brigade \(london-fire.gov.uk\)](https://london-fire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-checker) _

Help us reach a large audience with our messaging about our online Home Fire Safety Checker

LFB will be running information campaigns about the online Home Fire Safety Checker tool once the new strategy is in place.

As part of this LFB will be providing content and information which can be shared on social media feeds, in newsletters and magazines and on other channels.

Please share the best contact at your organisation for us to share this communications information with.

[Home Fire Safety Checker | London Fire Brigade \(london-fire.gov.uk\)](#)

Any Questions?

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Answers

Not a question. I just think it is brilliant and something I will ensure our staff look out for on home visits. and make use of where need is identified.

- Include 7 minute briefings as part of induction for new starters

Feedback from Training Needs Analysis (TNA) 8th March 2023

Sheila Leighton

Safeguarding Lead (Workforce Development)

Aims and objective of this session

To discuss and agree:

- Courses and content for the NSPC training programme 23/26
- Methodology for delivering the programme

To identify:

- Other platforms offering safeguarding training
- Future opportunities and direction for training

National Panel Annual Report – 6 key practice themes

- 1. Supporting critical thinking and professional challenge through effective leadership and culture*
- 2. The importance of a whole family approach to risk assessment and support*
- 3. Giving central consideration to racial, ethnic and cultural identity and impact on the lived experience of children and families*
- 4. Recognising and responding to the vulnerability of babies*
- 5. Domestic abuse and harm to children*
- 6. Keeping a focus on risks outside the family*

Learning and Development themes from Rapid and Child safeguarding practice reviews

Multi-agency
safeguarding
investigation and
response

Child Sexual Abuse
including intra familiar
sexual abuse and
sibling sexual abuse.

Domestic Abuse

Extra-Familial harm

Neglect

Non accidental injury
(NAI) and Child Death

Parental Mental
Health

Adolescent Mental
Health and Suicide

Professional curiosity,
professional challenge
and the use of
escalation

Adultification
Intersectionality

Upcoming NSCP Training May – July 2023

Complex Safeguarding -Risk & Strengths - linked to faith and belief-NSCP	<u>11/05/2023</u>
Extremism and the impact on children and young people	<u>11/05/2023</u>
Managing Allegations and LADO Roles	<u>15/05/2023</u>
Cultural Competence and Safeguarding	<u>16/05/2023</u>
Intra Familial child Sexual abuse (multi agency) 10am to 4.30pm -	<u>17/05/2023</u>
Child Criminal Exploitation	<u>23/05/2023</u>
Think Child, Think Family - Think Everyone has a Life story	<u>01/06/2023</u>
AIM Foundation Training(Awareness of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Foundation Course	<u>06/06/2023</u>
Complex Harm AM	<u>06/06/2023</u>
Contextual Safeguarding PM	<u>06/06/2023</u>
Healthy Relationships & Online Sexual Content 10am-1pm	<u>06/06/2023</u>
Child Criminal Exploitation	<u>27/06/2023</u>
Working Together to Safeguard Children Cared Away From Home	<u>29/06/2023</u>
Domestic Abuse Advance	
Child Protection and Conference Group Meetings	<u>11/07/2023</u>

What can you take away today's forum

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Answers

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Really good to see the video

Importance of working fire alarms

First visit and was very insightful

To sign up to NSCP

Fire safety when conducting home visits

The impact of language on young people

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How useful was today's session?

