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Process

Under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, Safeguarding Children Boards were required to commission Serious Case Reviews when set criteria were met. Olivia's case (not the individual's real name) met the criteria for a Serious Case Review as the Safeguarding Partnership was in a period of transition and so the criteria for a Serious Case Review was utilised. The full report will be published on the RBSCP website for a period of 12 months.



Olivia

Learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Review

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Background

The review was commissioned after Olivia had been coerced into a sexual relationship with an older male. Olivia had in the past experienced domestic abuse, parental substance misuse, parental mental health issues leading to various levels of neglect throughout her life.

Olivia had involvement with services throughout her life. Poor parental supervision, domestic abuse and parental substance misuse had been present in Olivia's life resulting in her being subject to Child Protection Plans for neglect at various stages.

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What does this mean for me?

- Am I able to recognise CSE and do I know what to do when I may have concerns that someone may be a victim of CSE?
- Am I aware of the Sunrise Complex Safeguarding Team and how to get advice from them/make a referral?
- Am I aware of the Escalation Policy and how to utilise this in practice?
- Do I record the Voice of the Child in my reporting? Are decisions made as part of PLO factual?



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Finding 1

RBSCP should continue to promote the work of the Sunrise Complex Safeguarding Team and request partner agency assurance that professionals working with children and young people are aware of:

- How to recognise CSE
- Understand what to do when they have concerns of possible CSE
- Adherence to the correct referral process for Sunrise Complex Safeguarding Team

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Findings 4 & 5

RBSCP should be assured that the Voice of the Child is captured and acted upon, particularly in Public Law Order (PLO) proceedings, and that decisions made as part of PLO are not based on assumptions.

RBSCP should consider how it can bring together multiagency learning and promote the utilisation of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma Informed Practice (including attachment and relationship practiced) in future safeguarding children arrangements.

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Finding 3

RBSCP should be assured that the local area Public Protection arrangements for managing and arresting offenders out on warrant are being reviewed by probation and Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service alongside improved arrangements already implemented by Police and Probation for the purpose of licence warrants.

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Finding 2

RBSCP should further implement the local Escalation Policy to instil confidence within the workforce and to promote the expectation for respectful professional challenge when there are differences of opinion about safeguarding issues between the agencies, including in cases where there is parental non-engagement