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**Safer Young People (SYP) Partnership Group**

**Terms of Reference**

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| **1. Context** |
| This document provides an update to the Terms of Reference written in 2018 for Wiltshire’s Vulnerable Adolescent Contextual Safeguarding (VACS) panel, which replaced Wiltshire Risk Management Group (WRMG) and the Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) meetings which had been in place for several years. VACs was formulated as Wiltshire’s strategic panel with oversight of extra-familial harm, primarily criminal and sexual exploitation but also peer on peer abuse and serious youth violence.  Given the developments of Wiltshire’s contextual safeguarding approach over the past three years it is timely to revisit the aims and objectives of this meeting and ensure it is fit for purpose. As we develop our ‘Risk Outside the Home’ (ROTH) pathway and ‘Safer Young People’ planning we have changed the name of VACS to Safer Young People (SYP) Partnership Group, which better reflects our strengths-based approach.  SYP Partnership Group will maintain its function of building county wide intelligence to inform contextual safeguarding interventions for individual and groups of young people, which will be overseen by the operational SYP Meetings. These Terms of Reference set out the criteria, purpose and intended outcomes of the SYP Partnership Group.  The SYP Partnership Group does not replace or supersede any current policy or procedure in relation to safeguarding, and should reflect current safeguarding procedures found here: [Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership Procedures (proceduresonline.com)](https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/wiltshire/index.html) |
| **2. Function and tasks** |
| The SYP Partnership Group exists to provide strategic and operational oversight of multi agency responses to exploitation and risk outside the home for children and young people within Wiltshire.  The group’s purpose is to:   * Consider analysis in relation to existing referrals to the Emerald team or emerging concerns discussed in SYP context meetings * Develop a county-wide cohesive focus on the recognition of trafficking and use of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) * Provide oversight, scrutiny and analysis of plans relating to peer groups, locations or thematic concerns for young people affected by CSE, CCE, going missing or other risks outside the home * Facilitate multi-agency contributions to county wide intelligence and knowledge of the local picture for Wiltshire   The group will support the Pan Wilts Strategic Exploitation Working Group’s delivery plan.  The Agenda will include:   * Emerging themes and areas of concern – how can we make places and spaces safer for young people? * CSE, CE and Missing updates - including cohort analysis and the local picture for Wiltshire * Online concerns and investigations * Cross border and information exchange issues with Children Looked After (CLA) placed out of county and those placed in county by other LAs: identification of trends issues, review of contact/joined up working with neighbouring local authorities. * Contextual Safeguarding implementation updates – including practice developments * Celebrating good practice and recognition of outcomes * Analysis of applications for Criminal Behaviour Orders to ensure any exploitation context are understood prior to progressing |
| **3. Membership** |
| The group will be co-chaired by Andrew Griffiths (Service Manager, Young People’s Service) and Lisa Colombi (Contextual Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Young People’s Service).  Agencies attending the SYP Strategic Group will include managers and operational staff with sufficient decision making authority to allocate/ manage resources and influence/contribute to strategic interagency developments from:  **Wiltshire Police**   * DI Exploitation and Missing Team   **Family’s & Children Services**   * Service Manager – Young People * Child Exploitation Analyst * Young People’s Team Leaders – YOT and Emerald * Operational Lead - Conference and Reviewing Service * Team Manager – Integrated Front Door (MASH)   **Public Health**   * Public Health Practitioner – Prevent   **Education**   * Head of Targeted Education Service   **Mental Health and Safeguarding**   * Team Manager – Adult MASH   **NHS BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group**   * Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children   **Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust**   * Named Nurse Safeguarding Children * Consultant in Sexual Health   **Motiv8 (young people’s substance misuse service)**   * Team Leader   Other agencies may be co-opted as members as and when required.  Members are expected to:   * Make decisions on behalf of their organisation in relation to the work of the group * Demonstrate significant strategic and operational understanding of local service provision and partnership activity * Hold their organisation to account and be a critical friend towards other organisations * Commit their organisation on policy and practice developments * Commit resources in their organisation to support the work of this group * Be responsible for communicating key information back into their service or agency |
| **4. Governance and support** |
| The group will report to the Community Safety Partnership via the relevant partnership delivery groups – primarily to the Strategic Exploitation Working Group but also to the Safer Communities and Early Intervention and Violence Reduction subgroup. It will provide reports to other strategic groups (such as the YOT Exec) or performance meetings as required. Regular reports will include:   * Communities affected: Unsafe Places and Spaces * NRM scrutiny and oversight * Volume of cases and cohort analysis * Pattens and themes * Emerging threats * Performance of individual agencies * Exceptions   The SYP Partnership Group will have administrative support from Families and Children Services with recording business activity of the SYP Partnership Group meetings including contextual themes, issues, decisions, actions, responsible individuals and timeframes.  Meetings will take place bi-monthly. |