

Nottinghamshire Child Sexual Exploitation Guidance and Information Pack



The Tip of the Iceberg

Supplementary Guidance to the Inter-agency Guidance on the
Assessment of Children in Need and the ACPC Procedures

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PREFACE

The sexual exploitation of children through their involvement in prostitution and the production of indecent images is not a new phenomenon. Whilst the vulnerability of children drawn into such activities has been recognised by many involved in the field of child care, earlier volumes of Department of Health guidance such as 'Working Together' (DoH 1991) did little to assist agencies in responding decisively to protect them. Indeed, the complexities of the issues has meant that this group of children have not fitted neatly into the Child Protection Procedures.

That child sexual exploitation has fully emerged as a public and political issue has been evidenced by the joint Department of Health and Home office publication 'Safeguarding Children Involved in Prostitution' (DoH 2000). This inter-agency document is supplementary guidance to 'Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children' (DoH 1999) and expands considerably on Section 6.43 - 46 of that document. It also takes into account the Human Rights Act 1998 and is informed by the 'Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families' (DoH 2000).

Both documents state that Area Child Protection Committees should put into place local inter-agency protocols to guide action when there are concerns that a child/ren may be involved in prostitution, including guidance on sharing concerns about a child's safety. This guidance fulfils that requirement and provides the framework to ensure that immediate and effective action can be taken to ensure the welfare and safety of the children and to initiate appropriate investigative action against those who are believed to have coerced and abused them.

Agencies in Nottinghamshire have been working together in respect of children involved in prostitution for some considerable period of time. Indeed, there has been a joint Police and Social Services protocol in operation since August 1996. This was developed and incorporated into inter-agency guidance published in January 1998. That guidance fell within the auspices of Child Plan and the Nottinghamshire Area Child Protection Committee. The underpinning principle of the protocol and the guidance was that these children should be treated primarily as **victims of abuse**. The children may or may not receive payment or reward of some kind and the activities may or may not be lawful, e.g. a 16 year old with a learning disability may not be able to give consent so would be vulnerable to sexual exploitation. These children would all be **Children in Need** and some would be in need of protection. The guidance further stated that every effort should be made to identify and prosecute those who seek to coerce, exploit and abuse them.

These principles have been subsequently reflected in the national guidance 'Safeguarding Children Involved in Prostitution'.

Whilst the multi-agency approach within Nottinghamshire was proven, increased knowledge, understanding and awareness of the complexity of the issues led to the need to revise the local guidance to reflect the diversity of sexually exploitative experiences of children and vulnerable young adults. As a result, in September 1999, the joint Police and Social Services protocol was revised. This promoted the principle that the same attention should be paid to those children exploited through the production of indecent images, whether by photographs, films, internet or audio materials, as to those exploited through prostitution. The agreement was also extended to include young people up to the age of 21 years who are eligible for After Care Services. The terminology was also changed and the term 'sexual exploitation' adopted.

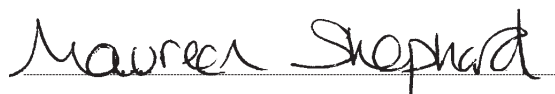
This local guidance supercedes that disseminated in January 1998. It is supplementary to the Inter-agency Guidance on the Assessment of Children in Need, and the ACPC Child Protection Procedures, and should be read in conjunction with this and the National Guidance on Safeguarding Children Involved in Prostitution.

The guidance is entitled 'The Tip of the Iceberg' to reflect the belief that there are likely to be many children engaged in high risk activities in the County who have yet to be identified.

The guidance is for the Police, Health, Social Services, Education and all other agencies and professionals in statutory and non-governmental organisations whose work may bring them into contact with children within Nottinghamshire.

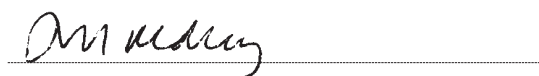
The multi-agency approach is promoted and taken forward at a strategic level through the work of the County Child Sexual Exploitation Steering Group. It is the Steering Group's intention that this guidance will be an essential and accessible tool to assist workers to respond to children and young people who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The sexual exploitation of children through their involvement in prostitution and the production of indecent images of children is not a new phenomenon but it is emerging as a public and political issue. The difficulties in challenging and responding are compounded by society's reactions ranging from disbelief to moral outrage. The legal framework does little to clarify the issues, for example the Street Offences Act 1956 does not distinguish between children and adults. Furthermore, the legislation is gender biased focusing predominantly on females.
- 1.2 The importance given to the issue of safeguarding children involved in child sexual exploitation is reflected by the fact that there is now national guidance focused on the issue of prostitution. This guidance recognises that the vast majority of children do not voluntarily enter prostitution, they are coerced, enticed or are utterly desperate.
- 1.3 Through the publication of this Nottinghamshire guidance, it is hoped that staff from all agencies will become more aware of the issues involved in child sexual exploitation and more confident in carrying out their responsibilities within a multi-agency context.

For the purpose of this guidance the sexual exploitation of children can be defined as:

- prostitution; including activities described as 'renting'
- the making of indecent images; also known as 'pornography'. This may include visual and audio images or photographs, video tape, the Internet and audio tapes

It is important to bear in mind that:-

- children may or may not receive payment or reward of some kind
- the coercers and perpetrators may be adult or children and be of either gender
- parents may be involved in the exploitation of their children or failing to prevent it
- children of either gender can be equally vulnerable to sexual exploitation
- groups of children and multiple perpetrators may be involved

1.4 It is important to note that although the National Guidance quoted here refers solely to prostitution, this guidance, in employing the notion of sexual exploitation, works with a broader definition of situations in which children may be abused and exploited sexually. Thus, the concerns that bring a child to the attention of agencies will be varied. Some concerns will be substantive and the need to refer within current procedures clear. Other concerns will be slight, falling, perhaps, into a more 'grey' area. In these cases, early consultation and discussion will be valuable in establishing whether the concerns necessitate a referral to Social Services for an assessment of need and risk.

N.B. For guidance on responding to concerns, see Chapter 4.

1.5 This guidance applies to:

- all children under 18 years
- those young people up to 21 years for whom the Local Authority has After Care responsibilities

The term 'child' will be used to refer to all the children and young people who fall within the remit of the guidance.

1.6 The purpose of the guidance is to help workers to:

- seek and identify children being, or at risk of being, sexually exploited
- respond decisively to support and protect them
- wherever possible, prosecute the offender

Chapter 2

THE NATURE OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Vulnerable children and sexual exploitation as a high risk activity

Children involved in high risk activities described as prostitution and in the production of indecent images should be treated primarily as Victims of Abuse and their needs carefully assessed.

- 2.1 Parents or carers may be aware of or involved in these activities or failing to prevent them. The parent/carers may have a suspicion and wish to protect the child but not know how to. The child may be estranged from their family, she/he may be a Looked After child or may have had experience of the care system. Some children will be known to the Social Services Department and some will not. Some children will come to the attention of the Police first, others will be identified by statutory or voluntary agency staff involved with or approached by the child. Others may be identified by concerned or alarmed members of the public.
- 2.2 The child may be desperate to disengage from such activity but fearful or unable to do so. The child may have told a worker or professional but asked the person not to tell. The child may not wish to disengage and may be resistant to many attempts to help him/her. Agencies will need to be persistent in their attempts to assist the child in engaging with their exit strategy. On occasions agencies may need to disrupt the relationship and deter the coercer.
- 2.3 The worker may have a suspicion but be unclear how to proceed or be confused or anxious about issues of confidentiality.
- 2.4 The worker may fear that if they share the concern with the Police or the Social Services Department the child may refuse to access their service or may be prosecuted.
- 2.5 The concerns identified will vary in their significance and seriousness. The concerns may not warrant or enable significant intervention, but may indicate other forms of abuse. However, what is known is that children being sexually exploited are involved in high risk activities. They will be in need of support services and in some cases protection under the Children Act 1989. Irrespective of the nature, source of the concern, careful assessment of need and risk should be undertaken and steps taken to identify the adult coercers. However, this can only be undertaken if the concern is shared with the appropriate agency.

A child or vulnerable young person cannot be considered to be capable of giving informed consent. Increased awareness and research reveals that many children drawn into sexually exploitative activities may not do so willingly and their involvement may be indicative of coercion or desperation rather than one of choice. Some children may think that they are exercising free choice but may be being exploited by other persons.

- 2.6 Those sexually exploiting children may subject them to extreme pressure including threats of or actual physical and sexual violence. Others may coerce a child by establishing relationships of 'trust' and the loyalty felt by a child toward such an adult who may act as a 'boyfriend', 'girlfriend', 'protector', 'pimp' should not be underestimated. Such adults may become the child's source of drugs, shelter and income.
- 2.7 Children may be persuaded to provide sexual services as a street prostitute, in saunas or informally from residential premises. They may be drawn into the production of indecent images which may be manufactured and widely distributed. Adults who exploit children in this way are skilled at targeting and grooming vulnerable children and may even have established apparently trusting relationships with the parents or carers.
- 2.8 There can be serious physical, emotional and psychological consequences for sexually exploited children. They may contract sexually transmitted diseases, be the victims of serious or even fatal attacks, they may be sexually assaulted or raped. The emotional and psychological damage can be long-term and lead to serious mental health difficulties, e.g. depression and self harm.

Children estranged from their families and communities are particularly vulnerable. They may be known to one another, be the victims of peer group pressure or even violence. Children who are in or have experienced being Looked After are a particularly vulnerable group which has clear implications for those agencies charged with the responsibility for ensuring their welfare needs and needs for protection are addressed.

Local Issues

- 2.9 It is possible that the nature and extent of child sexual exploitation in Nottinghamshire has not been fully recognised. This could be due to a lack of awareness amongst staff as well as the belief that much of the activity will not be visible.
- 2.10 Nottinghamshire covers a large geographical area and this will influence the nature and location of the activities. Thus, children in the North of the County may be drawn into sexually exploitative activities in the neighbouring towns and cities including Sheffield, Doncaster, Manchester, Leicester and Derby. It will be useful, therefore, for links to be established or/and strengthened with the relevant agencies in those areas.
- 2.11 Children in the conurbation, however, may be identified as being sexually exploited in Nottingham City and the close and collaborative working relationships with the City agencies, many of which are working across authority boundaries, is evidence of the value of the multi-agency approach.
- 2.12 A truly multi-agency approach is fundamental to working with this group of children and the street based voluntary agencies such as Base 51 and POW (Prostitute Outreach Workers) although based in Nottingham City offer valuable outreach services to County children wherever possible.

One of the responsibilities of the County Multi-Agency Steering Group is to identify gaps in service provision, make links with neighbouring agencies and authorities and address issues of service development in the County.



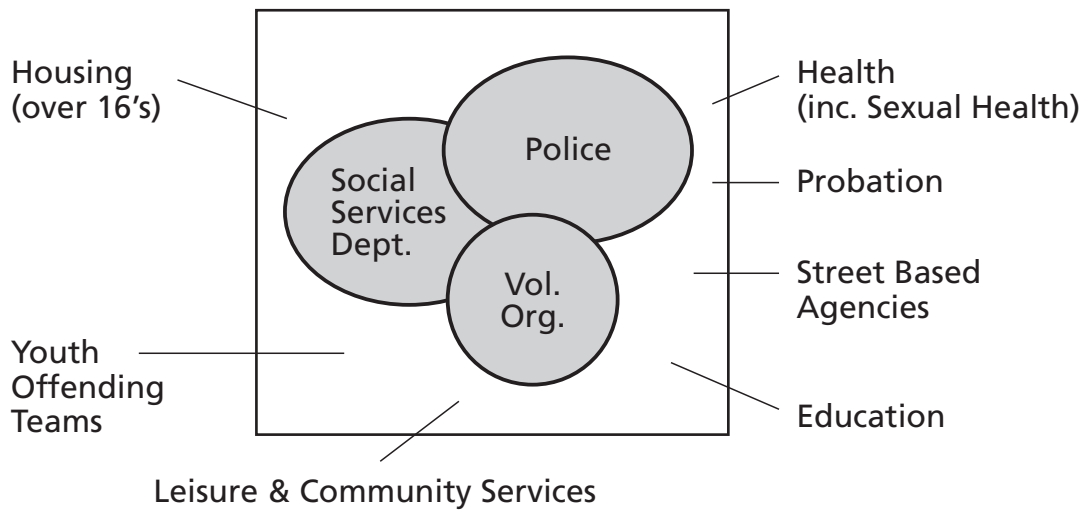
Chapter 3

THE MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH

Lead Agencies

- 3.1 It is recognised that the multi-agency approach is essential in dealing with the complex and diverse issues that constitute child sexual exploitation and the Police and Social Services Departments are the lead agencies dealing with sexually exploited children and the adults who abuse them. The Police Anti-Vice Team are charged with the lead responsibility for child sexual exploitation in the Police Service.
- 3.2 The joint Police/Social Services Agreement (see Appendix 1) has as its underpinning principles that:
 - the children involved should be treated primarily as 'Victims of Abuse'
 - the criminal process should be focused on those who target, exploit and abuse them
- 3.3 The agreement formalises the exchange of information between the two agencies and requires that they work closely together and that irrespective of which agency receives information or concerns, they will inform, consult and share information.
- 3.4 All agencies, statutory and voluntary, have a part to play in issues of identification, assessment, protection and service provision. Those agencies offering voluntary, street based services have a valuable contribution to make working with this group of particularly vulnerable children.
- 3.5 However, the establishment of policies and guidance does not in itself effect change in practice or attitude. It is more likely to occur if facilitated and encouraged at the strategic level as well as between those agencies and individuals involved with vulnerable children individually or as groups.

3.6 It is evident that effective working relationships between agencies forms the framework to both identify, protect and provide services for sexually exploited children. Such inter-agency working also assists in the identification, disruption and risk management of those adults who target, exploit and abuse children.



NB: For more specific information on contact points and services, see Appendix 2.

Model of Inter-Agency Working

3.7 The multi-agency approach functions at two levels. First, at the strategic level through the Nottinghamshire County Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Steering Group.

3.8 The remit of the Steering Group is:-

- to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation in statutory and voluntary agencies throughout Nottinghamshire;
- to identify the nature and the extent of child sexual exploitation in the County;
- to identify existing services appropriate to the needs of this group of children and address gaps in service provision;
- to maintain links with the City Steering Group and the ACPC
- to offer expertise and guidance

3.9 Secondly, the multi-agency approach functions at the level of individual children. The multi-agency approach underpins the work with individuals or groups of children through:-

- an early exchange of information;
- joint planning meetings.

Chapter 4 of this guidance covers these issues in more detail.

Sharing of Information and Confidentiality

Working Together 1999 (S 1.10) states:

"Promoting children's well being and safeguarding them from significant harm depends crucially upon effective information sharing, collaboration and understanding between agencies and professionals.

DoH/Home Office guidance on Safeguarding Children Involved in Prostitution (S 5.8) states:-

"The inter-agency protocol should outline the processes and possible responses for dealing with a child once he/she has been identified as being at risk of being drawn into or is involved in prostitution. It should stress the importance of ensuring that information is shared with all of the relevant agencies. It should emphasise the sensitivity of the issues under discussion and the need to ensure that the confidentiality requirements applying in all child protection work under the aegis of the ACPC are fully complied with."

3.10 Personal information about a child held by professionals and agencies is subject to a legal duty of confidence and should not normally be disclosed without consent. However, the law permits disclosure of confidential information necessary to safeguard a child. Disclosure should be justified and recorded in each case.

3.11 Concerns that a child is or may be at risk of sexual exploitation should be shared with Social Services Department or the Police Anti-Vice Team so that an appropriate assessment of need and risk can be undertaken. National guidance states that consent would normally be sought unless to do so would jeopardise the child's safety. Prior to making a referral workers need to carefully consider this issue. There will be circumstances when the referral should not be shared with the child or family members at the outset.



Chapter 4

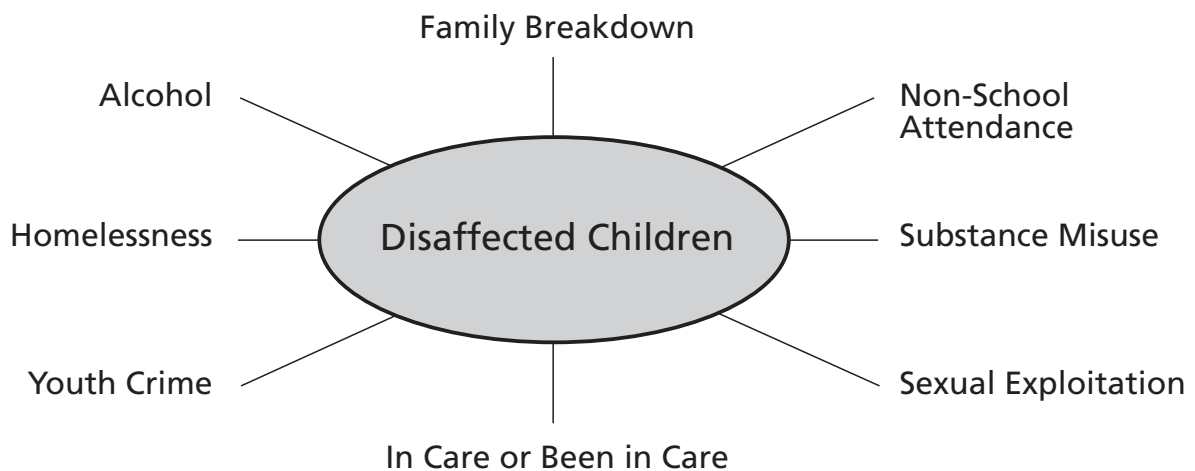
RECOGNITION AND ACTION

Identification

Working Together 1999 states (6.45):-

"The identification of a child involved in prostitution, or at risk of being drawn into prostitution, should always trigger the agreed local procedures to ensure the child's safety and welfare, and to enable the Police to gather evidence about abusers and coercers."

- 4.1 The approach taken is to regard prostitution and involvement in indecent images of children or like activities, as one aspect of the child's behaviour which brings them to the attention of agencies and indicates the need for intervention.
- 4.2 The victims are often, but not always part of a wider group of disaffected children for which sexual exploitation is one route open to them.



- 4.3 This knowledge will help us identify children of higher risk of sexual exploitation than those in the general population.

Indicators

4.4 Indicators that may raise suspicions that a child is engaged in or at risk of sexual exploitation include:-

- has the child or their friends informed someone that they are engaged in prostitution or renting?
- have they acquired money, clothes, jewellery or goods they can't account for or describe as present, e.g. mobile phones?
- is there mention of pornographic material?
- have they been missing from home?
- have they started to truant from school?
- has a child's behaviour changed sufficiently to question why this might be?
- is there a household where young people are known to frequent or use as a drop-in?
- have they begun relationships with older men/women?
- are they losing contact with friends of their own age and are associating with an older age group?
- has the child been physically assaulted or threatened by an adult.
- has there been concerns about sexual transmitted diseases?
- is the child using or obtaining large quantities of contraceptives?
- is there evidence of teenage pregnancy?
- has a child self-harmed?
- is the child using substances (drugs and alcohol)?

This is not an exhaustive list and the presence of these concerns may indicate other forms of abuse, but it should help consideration of possibility of sexual exploitation.

4.5 Indicators that may raise suspicions that adults are sexual exploiting or seeking to sexually exploit children may include:-

- an adult who expresses a sexual or violent interest in children.
- an adult(s) who have numbers of children visiting their household regularly and appear to be using it as an open house or drop-in.
- an adult who is giving children treats, money or favours.
- an adult who appears to harbour children truanting from school or missing from home or who has taken a child into their home as a lodger or boyfriend/girlfriend.
- an adult who has or is suspected of having a relationship or a series of relationships with children.

Responding

4.6 The identification of a child involved in prostitution, or at risk of being drawn into prostitution, should always trigger the agreed local procedures to ensure the child's safety and welfare, and to enable the police to gather evidence about abusers and coercers.

4.7 The primary concern of anyone who comes into contact with a child being, or a risk of being, sexually exploited must be to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

4.8 If there are concerns or knowledge that a child or children is at risk of or is being sexually exploited, these concerns will need to be passed on to one of the lead agencies so that the relevant Social Services office can undertake an assessment of need and risk. Unless the concern is addressed the child cannot be protected or diverted from the activity and the coercer cannot be identified and protected. It may be that the seeking of consent of parents/carers will not be appropriate at this stage as to do so may place the child at increased risk and jeopardise any subsequent police investigation.

It is important not to assume that the parent/carer is not involved in or party to the abuse in some way. If the parent/carer is said to be involved in the abuse and knows that the child has told someone, threats or other pressures may be applied to encourage the child to retract.

- 4.9 When the concern is sufficiently suggestive of child sexual exploitation, professionals working in statutory agencies should follow their agency's usual procedures for referring child care concerns and contact the Social Services Department or the Police Anti-Vice Team. Staff may also contact a Steering Group member appointed to that organisation for advice and guidance, but this should not result in undue delay in sharing the concern. Any referral or consultation and any decision to proceed with a referral or consultation without seeking consent from the child or parent/carer should be carefully recorded following the agency's usual recording policy.
- 4.10 Not all concerns will be sufficiently substantive to warrant or enable a clear referral to be made. Nevertheless, workers should always discuss the concern, however slight or vague with the identified child protection person and the Steering group member within the organisation. It may be useful to consult with the Anti-Vice team or with Social Services Lead Officer who will advise on whether the concern reaches the threshold for referral.
- 4.11 Voluntary organisation staff should discuss the concerns with their Line Manager or the Designated Child Protection person in that organisation. However, if a voluntary worker does not have access to this process, the concern should be shared with the Voluntary Organisation Steering Group representative, the Social Services Department or Police Anti-Vice. There should be no delay in making a referral to either Social Services or Police Anti-Vice.
- 4.12 If the child is known to the Social Services Department and has a Social Worker then the concerns should be passed on to that person or in their absence the team's Duty Social Worker/Team Manager. Otherwise, concerns need to be passed on to the Reception and Assessment Team in the area where the child lives or to the Police Anti-Vice Team.
- 4.13 Referrals regarding children involved in child sexual exploitation should be responded to within the same timescales as other childcare referrals as outlined in the Framework for Assessment and Working Together.

4.14 On receipt of the referral, Social Services staff need to consider:

- whether there are any children who may be linked with the suspected coercer/abuser e.g. children in coercer's own household/having regular contacts.

4.15 Residential Social Workers should discuss any concerns with the child's Social Worker and link in with the designated Police Anti-Vice Officer for their unit.

4.16 The Social Services Lead Officer should be informed of the concern.

Assessments and Joint Planning Meetings

Assessment is underpinned by the principle that each child is an individual, therefore, agency actions will vary according to nature of the concern and the particular circumstances of the child/children.

4.17 There are key issues that need to be considered. These include:-

- the safety and the welfare of the child is paramount.
- the need for early identification and intervention.
- the need for holistic view of the child taking into account issues of race, religion, language, culture, gender, sexual orientation, disability and the child's wishes and feelings. Wherever possible involve the family, unless to do so would compromise the safety and well-being of the child and/or jeopardise any criminal process.
- the criminal process is subordinate to child protection, but may have a part to play with any child who persists in criminal activities.
- good communication and sharing of information is essential.
- ensuring a truly multi-disciplinary approach with recognition of the role of and the need to work in partnership with outreach and street based services.
- recognition of the links between prostitution, pornography and paedophiles.
- early identification and disruption of those adults who target, exploit and abuse children. The criminal process will be directed at those who procure, control and facilitate the sexual exploitation of children including children who procure.

- 4.18 In every case of known or suspected child sexual exploitation, there should be an early discussion between the Police Anti-Vice and Social Services Department, and other agencies as appropriate, to share available information.
- 4.19 Depending on the nature of the concerns shared, it is possible that initial analysis of the information concludes that there is insufficient to intervene at that point. It is also possible that concerns may fall within the remit of other procedures or protocols available to the lead agencies, e.g. the Special Circumstances section of the Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures or the Public Protection Protocol.
- 4.20 Where further action is indicated, particularly taking into account the child's age and vulnerability, the early strategy discussion should lead to a joint planning meeting. If the child is looked after by the Local Authority, there should always be a joint planning meeting. This meeting should take place within a timescale commensurate to safeguarding the welfare and safety of the child, and bearing in mind timescales for completion of an initial assessment as laid out in the Framework for Assessment and Working Together.
- 4.21 This joint planning meeting should determine and formally record:-
- Whether the child(ren) has suffered or is likely to suffer significant harm and therefore Child Protection Procedures apply.
 - Whether there are other children or groups of children and/or adults involved.
 - Whether the child/ren in the coercer's family/social network are being adequately safeguarded.
 - Whether consent of parents/carers is needed/appropriate at this stage.
 - The need to incorporate the exit strategy without current Service Plan, Child Protection Plan or Care Plan.
 - The plan for further enquiries and assessment.
 - The strategy to co-ordinate information to assist with any criminal investigation.
 - If a police enquiry cannot be pursued, a plan to disrupt and deter the suspected coercer should be devised.
 - The strategy with regard to repeated offending by the child in question.
 - Whether services are required if the child is in need.

Unless the concerns are felt to be unsubstantiated a further meeting should be arranged to review the situation.

4.22 The joint planning meeting should be convened by the Social Services Department and chaired by the relevant Team Manager. The Social Services lead officer for child sexual exploitation should be consulted regarding all such meetings, and will attend wherever possible.

Complex Enquiries

4.23 In those situations where a number of children are involved and children are perhaps also coercers, professionals can feel particularly challenged. There may be situations where planning centres on a complex Police investigation. In those cases the multi-agency approach is particularly critical. A planned and purposeful approach with the provision of support services running concurrent with a Police enquiry targeted at the abusers and coercers is achievable and possible even in those situations where the child remains unaware of the Police involvement. In many cases if a conviction cannot be secured or there is insufficient information or evidence for active Police involvement disruption of the coercer's activities and disengagement of the child from the relationship are possible and achievable. In particularly complex circumstances, it will be appropriate for the Social Services lead officer to chair the planning meeting and subsequent review meetings.

Wherever possible involve the child and carers/family members in the plan to assist the child. The child's contribution to and co-operation with the plan is vital to its success.

Exit Strategy

4.24 In devising plans or exit strategies, it is important to recognise the complex set of factors that contribute to the child's vulnerability to sexual exploitation may in themselves jeopardise the chances of success. Indeed, the challenge of working with children with, perhaps, multiple difficulties who may be emotionally dependent on the coercer or abuser, or extremely fearful of them cannot be underestimated.

4.25 In order to maximise the likelihood of a child successfully exiting, or being protected from sexual exploitation, the child's wishes and feelings should, as far as possible and within the context of their protection needs, be taken into account. The child's contribution to and co-operation with the plan devised to assist them is vital to its success. This is equally true of carers/family members, thus the involvement and support of family members, also within the context of the child's protection needs, should also be sought.

4.26 An understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence may assist professionals in working with the child whose struggle to disengage is so great that they appear to be resistant or unco-operative. Indeed, an appreciation of the strength of the attachment and/or the level of fear is critical.

Professionals will need to be flexible, creative and persistent in their determination to support and protect the child.

Voluntary and persistent return to prostitution

4.27 The vast majority of children do not freely and willingly become involved in prostitution. However, there may be rare cases where a boy/girl under 18 freely chooses to continue to solicit, loiter or importune in a public place for the purpose of prostitution and knowingly and willingly breaks the law. In such cases, the Police should only start to consider whether criminal justice action is required following a strategy discussion when all diversion work has failed over a period of time and a judgement is made that it will not prove effective in the foreseeable future.

4.28 The decision on whether to initiate criminal justice action is for the Police and at a later stage the CPS. However, in the context of this inter-agency approach unilateral action by the Police would not be appropriate. If the Police officers think that it would be appropriate to consider criminal justice options then an inter-agency discussion should take place. Particular attention should be paid to the following factors:-

- the age and vulnerability of the child
- the needs of the child
- any drug misuse by the child
- that the return is genuinely voluntary and that there is no evidence of physical, mental or emotional coercion
- that the child understands that criminal proceedings may follow and the effect these could have in later life.

Chapter 5

CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The multi-agency approach is essential for promoting good outcomes for children involved in sexual exploitation. This applies at all stages from the sharing of a concern, through disruption or conviction, to the provision of support services aimed at re-integration. Non-governmental or street-based agencies are particularly valuable as are those more specialist services, which the children may feel more comfortable accessing.
- 5.2 Service provision can be complex with agencies addressing issues that may include education/employment, finance, accommodation, substance use, offending behaviour, sexual orientation, issues of race and culture, and emotional/psychological, sexual and general health. Good communication through planning and review meetings, and ongoing liaison is fundamental to the success of any plan devised to protect and support a child and agencies will need to work in true partnership with attention being given to the inter-face between the statutory and non-governmental agencies.

Good communication and true partnership between all agencies is key.

Sexual exploitation exposes children to abuse and assault and it may threaten their lives. It deprives them of their childhood, self esteem and opportunities for good health, education and training. It results in their social exclusion.

In Nottinghamshire, the multi-agency approach is proven. Proper prevention, protection and support is fundamental. Disruption, exit and re-integration strategies based on careful multi-agency assessment are known to bring about good outcomes for this group of particularly vulnerable and frequently challenging children.

POLICE / SOCIAL SERVICES JOINT AGREEMENT ADDRESSING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Introduction

Exploitation of children and their involvement in prostitution and pornography is not a new phenomenon. The disturbing prevalence of children involved in prostitution and pornography is an issue of concern in both the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire County. A heightened awareness and a close working partnership between Social Services and the Police is an essential pre-requisite if we are to maximise our joint efforts in doing what we can to minimise these forms of sexual exploitation.

Child Protection Procedures

The Nottinghamshire ACPC Child Protection Procedures state that:-

"Involvement of a child in prostitution - whether a girl or boy - and particularly if the child is under the age of 16 years, is abusive of itself, over and above any question of the legality of either the children's activities or the activities of the adults involved with them. However, the Child Protection Procedures only apply to those cases of child prostitution where the criteria at 1.4 and 1.8 can be met, in particular there must be some indication that the prostitution is encouraged by a child's carer or caused by their failure to prevent it".

The procedures go on to indicate that if the criteria are not met, then there are other appropriate ways of intervening. This may include action of offer assistance to the children involved by Health and Social Services, including management of the behaviour of specific children by Social Services and the application of criminal prosecution and crime prevention strategies by the Police. A child being exploited through prostitution or pornography should be regarded as a "Child in Need" and an assessment of need should be undertaken to determine whether services should be provided by any agency.

Local experience supports national research that there are links between prostitution and pornography, although not exclusively related.

For the purposes of this agreement, pornography includes use of printed materials, film / video and the Internet.

Aim

The aim of this agreement is to formalise the exchange of information between Social Services and the Police where children are involved in prostitution or the production of pornography in order to advance the fullest recognition that such young people are "Children in Need" and to enhance investigations into individuals who control, exploit and abuse children.

This agreement should be seen as complementing the Area Child Protection Committee procedures and principles which underpin "Working Together" (1999) and H.O. / DoH Guidance on Child Prostitution.

Background

There is increasing awareness of the prevalence and nature of children involved in prostitution in Nottinghamshire and particularly in the greater Nottingham conurbation. The dynamics of young female and young male prostitution are different. Female prostitution being very often, although not always, an overt display of sexual services and often controlled and directed. Young male prostitution being a more covert activity often with evidence of links between groups of boys and amongst the adults who abuse and exploit them.

It is essential that all agencies, who have as one of their primary concerns the protection and welfare of children, work together. The Police as investigators have information which will assist in the implementation and review of Child Care / Protection plans. The Social Services have information which will assist Police investigations to enable the prosecution of those who encourage, control / or abuse children through prostitution and / or pornography.

The protocol which follows has been jointly agreed by the Chief Officers of both the Police and the Social Services.

Governing Principles

The Police and both Social Services Departments acknowledge that where child prostitution occurs there is primarily a requirement to assess the child's needs, including those as a victim and to determine a plan for the provision of appropriate services. The criminal process is subordinate to Child Protection but may have a crucial part to play with child recidivists.

Both Social Services Departments and the Police agree to inform, consult and share information with each other concerning all incidents or suspicions of children involved in prostitution or pornography.

The Police focus within the criminal process will be directed at those who procure, control and facilitate the sexual exploitation of children. It will include consideration to prosecute a child who is procuring other children.

Where it is suspected that the prostitution of the child or their involvement in pornography has been encouraged by the child's carer or caused by their failure to take reasonable steps to prevent it, the matter will be processed within the ACPC Procedures.

The Exchange of Information

Where a child under the age of 18 years or up to the age of 21 years if eligible for After Care services, comes to the attention of the Police through their involvement in prostitution or pornography, the appropriate Social Services Department will be informed. The decision to prosecute a child for any related offences will only be taken to the Police after a Joint Planning Meeting.

Social Services will inform the Police of circumstances where it is suspected that a child is involved in prostitution, is being procured for the purpose of prostitution or is involved in the production of pornography.

Joint Planning Meetings

In every case where a child is first known or suspected of being involved in prostitution or attempts are being made to procure a child for the purpose of prostitution, there should be a discussion between Police and Social Services to share available information. Where necessary, particularly taking account of the child's age and vulnerability, this discussion should lead to a Joint Planning Meeting. If the child is being looked after by Social Services there should always be a Joint Planning Meeting. The same considerations should be made when a child is involved or suspected of being involved in the production of pornography.

This Joint Planning Meeting should determine:

- (a) Whether or not the case should be handled within the ACPC Child Protection Procedures.
- (b) The requirements of any Child Care / Protection Plan or the review of same.
- (c) The Strategy to co-ordinate information to assist with any criminal investigation.
- (d) The Strategy with regard to repeated offending by the child in question.

The agreements reached should be formally recorded.

Communication Flow

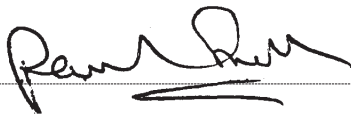
The expectation is that interpretation of this guidance and resolution of differences should normally occur at the following levels:

Constable	-	Social Worker
Sergeant	-	Team Manager
Inspector /Chief Inspector	-	Child Protection (City) / Head of Child Protection (County)
Superintendent	-	Assistant Director

Conclusion

This document is not intended to cover the plethora of eventualities that may occur in addressing the needs to children involved in prostitution or pornography or the definitive operations and communication details. However, by consulting and exercising sound judgement the objective of safeguarding children and prosecuting those who sexually exploit and abuse children will be enhanced.

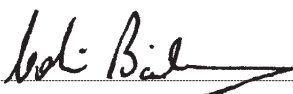
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Director of Nottinghamshire SSD



Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire



STATUTORY AGENCIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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STATUTORY AGENCIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(1) SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Departments have a legal duty in respect of children under the Children Act 1989. They have a general duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area who are in need. Furthermore, they have a duty to make enquiries if they have reason to suspect that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm to enable them to decide whether they should take any action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare.

Children involved in prostitution or in the production / use of pornography should be treated primarily as **'Victims of Abuse'** and their needs require careful assessment. They are likely to be in need of Welfare Services and in many cases protection under the Children Act 1989.

It is important that Social Services staff work in close partnership with other agencies in particular the police and those offering outreach and street based work. Where a child is already an open case to Social Services Department the child's own social worker should be contacted. If the child is not currently receiving social work services, the Reception and Assessment Team for the child's home address should be contacted for discussion with a duty social worker. This can be accessed through:

Ashfield.	Ashfield Social Services, Station Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, NG17 5FP.	Tel: (01623) 405300
Bassetlaw.	Retford Social Services, Chancery Lane, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6DG.	Tel: (01777) 716161
Broxtowe.	Broxtowe Social Services, Broadgate House, Humber Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2EF.	Tel: (0115) 917 5800

Gedling.	Gedling Social Services, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6DB.	Tel: (0115) 854 6000
Mansfield.	Mansfield Social Services, County House, Dale Close, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG19 7AQ.	Tel: (01623) 452233
Newark.	Newark Social Services, County Offices, Baldertongate Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1UW.	Tel: (01636) 682700.
Rushcliffe.	Rushcliffe Social Services, The Hall, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AD.	Tel: (0115) 854 6000

(2) NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

HQ (OSD) ANTI-VICE

Tel: (0115) 948 2999
Fax: (0115) 967 2198

The Nottinghamshire Police Anti-Vice Squad is based within the Central Police Station, North Church Street, Nottingham, and consists of eight regular Officers with specific responsibilities for all sex related matters on force-wide basis. The highest priority held by the Unit is, and will remain to be, that of combating juvenile prostitution and related juvenile sexual matters.

Nottinghamshire Police Anti-Vice Officers are available to advise on all aspects of the Joint Agreement (1996) and are also allocated responsibilities for the various Children's Residential Homes across the County. A list of designated Officers is available upon request.

(3) HEALTH SERVICES

i) Child Protection Advisory Service

**North Notts. Health Authority:-
Mansfield, Bassetlaw,
Ashfield, Newark & Sherwood**

Tel: (01623) 785165

Designated Doctor and Consultant Nurse for Vulnerable Children
Child Health Department
Banks Ward
Mansfield Community Hospital
Stockwell Gate
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire, NG18 5QJ

Named Nurse Child Protection
Bassetlaw General Hospital
Kilton
Worksop
Nottinghamshire
S81 0BD

Tel: (01909) 500990

Nottingham Health:-

Tel: (0115) 962 7757

Nottingham Community Health
Child Protection Department
The Children's Centre
City Hospital Campus
Hucknall Road
Nottingham, NG5 1PB

Health Services have a crucial role in supporting child victims of sexual exploitation holistically, from both a physical and mental health perspective.

Many of these young people have not received the basic child health services in relation to their general growth and development.

As a consequence of their involvement in social exploitation many other potential risks to their health and well being become significant and should be addressed; mainly implications for their short-term health, but also long-term into adulthood.

(ii) Sexual Health

Sexual Health Services are free and all offer confidential and direct access for young people of any age requiring their services. They consist of Genito-Urinary Medicine Clinics and Family Planning, Teenage and Women's Clinics.

Genito-Urinary Medicine clinics give advice, diagnosis and treatment of genital infections. Telephone advice is also available if required. Cost of travel by public transport to clinics can usually be reimbursed.

Teenage and Family Planning Clinics offer advice and provision of all forms of reversible contraception including emergency contraception, 'on the spot' pregnancy testing, counselling and onward referral of unplanned pregnancy.

(a) Genito Urinary Medicine

North Nottinghamshire

Genito Urinary Medicine Clinic

Kings Mill Centre
Sherwood Forest Hospitals
Mansfield Road
Sutton in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 672260

Genito Urinary Medicine Clinic

Retford Hospital
North Road
Retford
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01777) 705261

Genito Urinary Medicine Clinic

Bassetlaw and District Hospital
Kilton
Worksop
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01909) 500990

Nottingham Health

Genito Urinary Medicine Clinic
City Hospital
Hucknall Road
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 962 7747 - Female
Tel: (0115) 962 7745 - Male

(b) Family Planning Teenage and Women's Services

(* indicates specific teenage clinics available)

***Forest Town Health Clinic**

Clipstone Road West
Forest Town
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 627209

***Kirkby in Ashfield Health Centre**

Lowmoor Road
Kirkby in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 752686

***Mansfield Health Centre**

St John Street
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 622541

***Newark Health Centre**

21 Lombard Street
Newark
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01636) 703255

***Ollerton Health Centre**

Church Circle
Ollerton
Nottingham

Tel: (01623) 860471

***Selston Community Unit**

Nottingham Road
Selston
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01773) 810245

***Sutton in Ashfield Health Centre**

New Street
Sutton in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 557136

***Warsop Health Centre**

Church Street
Warsop
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 845683

***"4U" Drop in Clinic** held at the
Youth Wing of Retford Leisure Centre
Retford
Nottinghamshire

***Bircotes Clinic**

Scrooby Road
Bircotes
Doncaster

Tel: (01302) 742336

***Health Centre**

Newgate Street
Worksop
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01909) 500512

***Health Centre**

Newgate Street
Worksop
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01909) 500512

Hucknall Family Planning Clinic

Hucknall Health Centre
Curtis Street
Hucknall
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (0115) 968 0011

N.B. Victoria Health Centre is the only teenage clinic in Nottingham. All Family Planning Clinics in Broxtowe/Rushcliffe/Gedling/Hucknall are general. Family Planning Clinics not teenage specific.

Arnold Health Centre

High Street
Arnold
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 967 0888

Beeston Health Centre

Dovecot House
38 Wollaton Street
Beeston
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 925 4281

Carlton Health Centre

Park House
61 Burton Road
Carlton
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 966 7616

Clifton John Rye Health Centre

South Church Drive
Clifton
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 940 5298

Stapleford Health Centre

97 Derby Road
Stapleford
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (0115) 939 6111

Strelley Health Centre

116 Strelley Road
Strelley
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 929 6911

West Bridgford Health Centre

97 Musters Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 945 5066

(iii) Psychiatric/Psychological Services for Children

****Child and Family Therapy**

18/19 St John Street
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01623) 650921

****Young Adults Service**

Retford Hospital
Retford
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01777) 705261

****Child and Family Therapy**

Langold Clinic
Langold
Nottinghamshire

Tel: (01777) 733192

(self referral possible)**

Thorneywood Unit

Porchester Road
Mapperley
Nottingham, NG3 6LS

Tel: (0115) 8440500

Child Psychology

The Children's Centre
City Hospital Campus
Hucknall Road
Nottingham, NG5 1PB

Tel: (0115) 962 7658

(iv) Drug and Alcohol Services

(a) **Face it.. Young Persons Drug Services**

'Face-it' are part of the North Nottinghamshire Community Drug Services. Offering free and confidential drug information advice and support to under 18 year olds. 'Face-it' aims to provide a high quality range of services for young people at risk or, or using substances. Services provided are young person centred and specific, with highest regard to confidentiality and child protection.

'Face-it' offers young people advice, information and support regarding drugs and related issues. The approach used is within the ethos of harm reduction empowering young people with accurate, up-to-date information to enable them to make informed choices about their lives, which will reduce the harm caused by substance use to them as individuals. This may enable the young person to make changes to their drug use and drug use behaviour. Approaches used with a young person may vary from detached contact – phone contact, one to one contact, brief intervention, risk assessment, full assessment and treatment programmes. Intervention is assessed according to the young person's needs.

Specific workers include:-

Young Persons Drug Workers

Young Persons Criminal Justice Drug Workers

Young Person Drug and Alcohol Worker (Children in care and care leavers)

Young people can access **'Face-it'** either through face to face contact, directly with one of the Young Persons Workers or by phoning the Young Person's phone line.

Telephone: (0800) 5877878 (this is for young people only)!

For all other enquiries or to speak to the Team Leader or Young Persons Workers please contact **'Face-it'** by phoning **(01623) 620121 or (01909) 500061.**

(b) Other Services available at The Maltings

Community Drug Services

Provide a confidential service to drug users across North Nottinghamshire, offering a range of treatment options focused on a model of harm reduction. This includes advice, information, support, counselling, detoxification, replacement prescribing, long-term rehabilitation assessments, relapse prevention etc. This is provided on a community basis across North Nottinghamshire.

Community Alcohol Team

Aim to provide comprehensive needs-led assessments for people concerned about their alcohol use, or the alcohol use of another, providing a range of treatment interventions including counselling, home detoxification, in-patient care, long-term rehabilitation assessments, etc., for people across Central Nottinghamshire. This is mainly through home visits.

Needle and Syringe Exchange

The prime aim of the Needle and Syringe Exchange at 'The Maltings' is to make available and distribute appropriate injecting equipment and associated paraphernalia to injecting drug users across North Nottinghamshire.

This is via 'drop-in' at 'The Maltings' and a delivery/collection service across the Districts.

Criminal Justice Liaison (Mental Health)

This service provides rapid and ready identification of persons with mental health problems within the Criminal Justice System, to enable the most appropriate care and management of the mentally disordered offender.

Adult Criminal Justice Liaison (Drugs)

Provide an extensive service to drug users throughout the Criminal Justice System, including those processed at Police Stations, waiting sentence in the community, supervised by Probation and Social Services, and serving custodial sentences.

The emphasis is to enable early intervention and support providing appropriate info. and advice. The focus is on reducing the harm caused to an individual by their drug use, to enable access to treatment service, to reduce the risk of re-offending.

Women's Outreach Worker

Dedicated worker to support women in the Ashfield District. Support may be given to access treatment services, and/or around other issues faced by women drug users.

This is a very brief snapshot of the services provided by Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare (NHS) Trust through 'The Maltings'.

Anyone can access the services by phoning: (01623) 620121 or (01909) 500061

* For Broxtowe, Gedling, Hucknall and Rushcliffe please see section on Non-Statutory Agencies for COMPASS and Adult Drug Service and Base 51.

(4) YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) is an inter-agency partnership, involving Social Services, Police, Health, Education, Probation, Careers and the Youth Service.

YOT's work with young offenders up to the age of 18 delivering a variety of statutory orders and programmes as well as playing preventative role.

It is acknowledged that young people involved with the YOT, are more likely to be socially excluded, disaffected, social excluded and at greater risk of sexual exploitation.

Within the YOT, Workers will assess the possible risk of sexual exploitation for all young people. Advice and guidance will, where necessary, be given and will include the involvement of other relevant agencies, parents and carers.

Philip Arnold
Head of Service
15 West Hill Avenue
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 1PQ

Tel: (01623) 476600
Fax: (01623) 476602

Mansfield Youth Offending Team
Dave Miller
Dale Close
100 Chesterfield Road South
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG19 7AQ

Tel: (01623) 452233
Fax: (01623) 452145

Newark/Bassetlaw Youth Offending Team
Karl Philips
Martlet School
Newgate Street
Worksop
Nottinghamshire
S80 2LW

Tel: (01909) 544500
Fax: (01909) 532793

(5) EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education Department is concerned with the problems that social circumstances may cause to a child's ability and opportunity to benefit from education. When a child does not receive an adequate education this can compound their experience of long-term social harm further.

Very often children involved in sexual exploitation are not attending school regularly, if at all. It is important that the Education Department is involved in any inter-agency planning to examine what obstacles or deficits there may be in the current educational arrangements in order to enable the appropriate education to be arranged.

The Education Welfare Service has a particular role in helping young people achieve an adequate education, and works very closely with schools and families to resolve attendance issue. Where sexual exploitation is a concern there are various services available to enhance a young person's educational opportunity. The Education Welfare Officer will liaise with other Departments within Education to ensure that each young person is given these chances.

Education does not stop at school leaving age. Young people who have missed out on educational opportunities may need help in accessing further education provision, or aid in obtaining employment. The local Area Education Offices are a contact point for advice and referrals about services and agencies for all young people whether they are in or out of school.

Education Offices

Bassetlaw	North Base Queens Buildings Potter Street Worksop Nottinghamshire S80 2BZ	Tel: (01909) 533 533
Broxtowe/Gedling and Rushcliffe	South Base Howitt Court Sir John Robinson Way Arnold Nottingham NG5 6DA	Tel: (0115) 854 6000
Mansfield and Ashfield	West Base 7 St John Street Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 1RJ	Tel: (01623) 476 565
Newark	East Base 1 Friary Court Appleton Gate Newark Nottinghamshire NG24 1LA	Tel: (01636) 704 281

(6) COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Youth, Community and Play Service is concerned with the social education and development of young people in a way which is enjoyable to them and is relevant to their lives in Nottinghamshire.

The Service through its Play and Out of School Child Care Section caters for the age range 5-14/16. The Youth Service works with young people 11-25 but offers particular help for those aged 13-19 who are at risk.

Young people who are at risk of or have been involved in sexual exploitation are often isolated from their peer group and disengaged from age appropriate activities; they may also be vulnerable and disaffected in other ways and need befriending.

Youth and Play Workers can assist children and young people in a number of ways and can play an important part in inter-agency plans for individuals. Resources include education and behaviour support, information, advocacy, counselling and mentoring, detached/street based work, employment support as well as offering a host of structured activities where fun, confidence building and skills acquisition are priorities.

Contact any of the Senior Workers to take your concerns further.

(i) Youth Service

Collingham Southwell Tuxford	Burgage House YC, King Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01636) 814275
Newark	East Nottinghamshire Area Youth Office, St Marks House, St Marks Place, Newark, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01636) 670705
Blidworth Ollerton Rainworth	Dukeries Complex, Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9TH	Tel: (01623) 862359
Harworth	Bircotes and Harworth Community School, Whitehouse Road, Bircotes, Doncaster, South Yorkshire	Tel: (01302) 759543
Worksop	North Nottinghamshire Area Office, Town Hall, Potter Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01909) 535497
Retford Misterton Blyth	Retford/Ordsall YC, West Carr Road, Ordsall, Retford, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01777) 869003

Kirkby Newstead Selston	The Acre Y & C Centre, Morley Street, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 751627
Hucknall	Hucknall Youth House, Linby Road, Hucknall, Nottingham	Tel: (0115) 963 0325
Clipstone Forest Town	18 Botany Park, Botany Avenue, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 624179
Mansfield	18 Botany Park, Botany Avenue, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 624179
Sutton	Sutton Centre, High Pavement, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 457670
Keyworth Packman Leys	South Nottinghamshire, Dayncourt Comprehensive School, Cropwell Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham	Tel: (0115) 933 6486
Bingham Lady Bay Musters	South Nottinghamshire, Dayncourt Comprehensive School, Cropwell Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham	Tel: (0115) 933 6486
Calverton Carlton Gedling Netherfield	c/o South Nottinghamshire Area Office, 4th Floor, County Hall West Bridgford Nottingham, NG17 2DT	Tel: (0115) 977 4685
Beeston	Beeston Y & C Centre, West End Chilwell, Beeston, Nottingham	Tel: (0115) 925 4575
Eastwood Kimberley Nuthall	Eastwood Y & C Centre, Eastwood Comprehensive School, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham	Tel: (01773) 763649

(ii) County Play Service and work with 5-14 years and out of school activities

Principal Play Development Worker Newark Play Project, St Marks House, St Marks Place, Newark, Nottinghamshire **Tel: (01636) 760709**

Senior Out of School Development Officer Newark Play Project, St Marks House, St Marks Place, Newark, Nottinghamshire **Tel: (01636) 670710**

(iii) Countywide Services

Mansfield Information Shop **Tel: (01623) 657077**

Youth Awards/Schemes (D/E) **Tel: (01623) 835438**

Adventure **Tel: (01623) 756508**

Environmental/Conservation **Tel: (01909) 535497**

Post 16 Training and Education **Tel: (01623) 863282**

Arts/Crafts Development **Tel: (01636) 813606**

Youth Citizenship Co-ordinator **Tel: (01623) 861951**

(iv) Headquarters

Child Protection Nominated Officer **Tel: (0115) 977 4219**

(v) Youth Service Social Inclusion Focus Projects

Crime and Disorder
Countywide Dukeries Complex, Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9TH **Tel: (01623) 869096**

Connexions
Retford Pilot Retford/Ordsall YC, West Carr Road, Ordsall, Retford, Nottinghamshire **Tel: (01777) 869003**

A.C.O.R.N. 3
Retford
Worksop
Newark Youth Community & Play Services
4th Floor, County Hall,
West Bridgford,
Nottingham, NG17 2DT **Tel: (0115) 977 4219**

A.C.O.R.N. Initiative – Learning Gateway Manton Ollerton Mansfield Kirkby Sutton Newark	Dukeries Complex, Whinney Lane, New Ollerton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9TH	Tel: (01623) 863282
A.C.O.R.N. Initiative Netherfield Hucknall Stapleford	Stapleford Y & C Centre, 8 Church Street, Stapleford, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (0115) 939 2771
Career 2000 - Learning Gateway	Bilsthorpe Y & C Centre, Eakring Road, Bilsthorpe Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 870900
Nottinghamshire Inclusion Project – Compact Link P.R.U. Focus Countywide	ASCENT Base Unit 5, Welshcroft Close, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 721182
The Unique Coffee Bar Newark	Riverside Park, Great North Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01636) 701526
Techno Chances Mansfield	Westfield Folkhouse, Westfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 1TL	Tel: (01623) 660611
Lesbian & Gay Helpline		Tel: (01623) 428459
Homeless Drop-in Project Mansfield	St Peter’s Church, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire	Tel: (01623) 640250

(vi) Youth and Community and Play Service:

(a) Drug Specific Provision:

Drug Project

Tel: (0115) 977 4427

(Countywide, base Trent Bridge House)

- Drug Project Development Worker
- Training for Youth Community and Play Service staff on basic drug awareness, harm reduction and specific issues such as, Heroin use.
- Partnership training linking with other drug specific agencies.
- Development of other drug specific projects.

Scargill Walk Centre (Eastwood)

Tel: (01773) 760362

- Drop-in service for 16+.
- Needle exchange via workers from Compass.

(b) **Other provision**

The Van Project

Sutton

Quarrydale Y & C Centre
Quarrydale Comprehensive School
Stoneyford Road
Sutton in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire, NG17 2DT

Tel: (01623) 552872

Signalling Health

Bassetlaw

Youth Community and Play
4th Floor, County Hall,
West Bridgford
Nottingham, NG17 2DT

Tel: (0115) 977 4614

Project 18

Cotgrave

Cotgrave
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 989 2530

NON-STATUTORY/VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

(1) Support and Outreach

(i) **Prostitute Outreach Workers (P.O.W.)**

P.O.W. is a voluntary organisation offering a free confidential, full-time drop-in and outreach service. The services are aimed at those involved in prostitution, or at risk or wishing to exit prostitution, or drug misuse. The services are available to the wider community, but are specifically targeted at the prostitute community who have difficulty in accessing appropriate services to meet their needs. These services were originally developed for adult clients, however, P.O.W. acknowledge the special needs of children working in prostitution. The strength of P.O.W. is that its approach is individual and complementary to the work of the Social Services and the Police. Those wishing to exit prostitution are actively and enthusiastically supported in their efforts to do so.

Listed below are in-house services which P.O.W. offer:-

John Storer - Drug and Alcohol Advice

All information and advice around drug and alcohol dependency/problems. This service is provided every Thursday afternoon 2.00 - 3.00.

Counselling - from NCH, Action for Children

A worker from NCH, Action for Children, provides a service for any young person who might need to talk in depth to someone around personal issues which might be troubling them.

Art Therapy - from NCH, Action for Children

To build confidence and awareness through the use of creative forms such as art and drama. The group runs every Tuesday afternoon from 1.00 - 2.00 as a response to client interest the project has been extended indefinitely from its original twelve week run. Currently funded by Boots Plc.

Outreach

P.O.W. can look out for children who may be missing from home or may be in a difficult situation. The aim is to encourage a young person to make contact with the home they are missing from, either by phone or by returning to the home. Outreach is conducted twice weekly and is for both males and females, the Forest area is covered to establish contact particularly with young males.

Court Outreach

P.O.W. workers attend the courts once per month to offer support to clients and discuss any problems that they may be facing. A solicitor is often available for those who have no legal representation and would prefer some.

Health

P.O.W. accompany young people to the GUM clinic.

Appointments can be made more quickly if it is an emergency, if it is done via P.O.W. rather than the individual themselves. HIV/AIDS same day testing and appointments for Hep. B vaccination can also be made through P.O.W. when appropriate.

P.O.W. and G.A.I. Rent Boy Drop-in

Every Thursday evening from 10.00 p.m. - 1.00 am a drop-in service is provided at the Health Shop jointly by P.O.W. and the GAI project. Prostitution, sexual health, condoms, sexual identity, drug misuse, housing and practical advice and support are offered to young men aged up to 25 years old. This work is supported by the outreach conducted on the Forest Ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An outreach worker follows on from Thursday's outreach with the session at the Health Shop.

Peer Education Scheme

P.O.W. is setting up a peer education scheme for young people at risk of involvement in prostitution. The objective is to improve sexual health behaviour, reduce substance misuse and prevent social exclusion. P.O.W. will aim to do this by providing regular training and information sessions and increasing referral to appropriate agencies.

Drop-in Service

P.O.W. is open as a drop-in centre for clients who either need time out, chat and a cup of tea or to access any other services that P.O.W. may provide.

(ii) Base 51

The resources available at Base 51 are for everyone between the ages of 12-25 and the aim is to provide a safe, friendly and confidential place.

There are support workers, counsellors, a doctor and nurse available to talk to. Normally parents, carers, teachers, social workers, probation officers and other adults will only visit Base 51 with the consent of person involved.

In addition, there is currently an Outreach Project aimed at under 16's who are presenting as homeless in the City Centre. This has already been valuable in identifying and seeking to protect young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation.

Contact: 51 Glasshouse Street,
Nottingham, NG1 3LP

Tel: (0115) 952 5040
Fax: (0115) 952 5080

(iii) The Zone Youth Project

Corban House Contact Point
56 Whitwell Road
Nottingham

Tel: (0115) 913 3349

Drop-in house - every Wednesday 7.00 - 10.00 pm

Strictly over 14 year olds.

The project provides:-

TV, video and music;
Information and advice;
Personal support;
Drug and alcohol awareness;
Sexual health;
Court support;
Confidential services.

(iv) NSPCC

The NSPCC is a national organisation working to prevent the abuse of children and young people up to the age of 18. Some projects offer counselling and support to those who have been abused or are at risk.

Referrals can be made direct by young people themselves, their families or any concerned professional or voluntary worker. Initial enquiries and discussion are welcome. Visits to the centre or meetings at any agreed location can be arranged.

Contact: Nottinghamshire NSPCC
1 Cranmer Street
Nottingham, NG3 4GH

Tel: (0115) 960 5481

(2) Drugs Agencies/Projects

(i) Compass

Compass is an independent sector organisation. It aims to help drug users move away from problematic drug use and into healthier and safer lifestyles.

Referrals to Compass can be made either by dropping in or telephoning. Individuals can also be referred by other services.

(a) Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service

The young people's service will be based at 17 Huntingdon Street and is for young people under the age of 21 who have problems or concerns about their own or another's drug or alcohol use.

Contact: Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Service
Service Manager
17a Huntingdon Street,
Nottingham,
NG1 3JH **Tel: (0115) 847 0445/0446**

(b) Adult Drug Service

The adult service is based at 132 Mansfield Road and is for individuals aged over 18 who have problems or concerns about their own or another's drug use.

Contact: 132 Mansfield Road
Nottingham, NG1 3HL **Tel: (0115) 911 4490/4494**

(3) Accommodation

(i) NACRO - Second Base

NACRO services in Nottinghamshire has managed housing since 1983. It specialises in providing temporary supported accommodation for single homeless people with special needs. This includes young people who have been involved in prostitution.

Contact: The Old Bank Chambers
Sherwood Drive
New Ollerton
Newark
Nottinghamshire **Tel: (01623) 863 699**

Area Manager
25 Vivien Avenue
Sherwood
Nottingham **Tel: (0115) 985 7744**

Contact should also be made with local Housing Departments and Homeless Advice Centres.

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