

<b>For Information</b>	
<b>Public/Non Public</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Nottinghamshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Laura Spinks</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>Laura.spinks@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</b>
<b>Other Contacts:</b>	<b>Superintendent Helen Chamberlain, Head of PPU</b>
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>9</b>

## Online Child Safety

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to Members regarding education packages available for schools to educate children and parents in online safety.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members consider and note the report.

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 At the previous Police and Crime Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 there was a discussion regarding education for children and parents about online safety. A report was requested to inform a further conversation regarding this matter.
- 3.2 This report provides that further detail about what internet products are currently available and how the Police are linked in with local schools on this subject.

### 4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Nottinghamshire Police provides local schools with support and information regarding online child safety when requested.
- 4.2 Ultimately, online child safety education is supported by the Police for provision by schools to children and their parents.
- 4.2 Every school across the country deals with the subject of online child safety differently. The subject is taught through the Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum.

- 4.3 Every school has access to a number of online websites, specifically for parents and teachers, with information about how they can best advise children about online safety.
- 4.4 There are no national education packages for online child safety that are included in school curriculums. However, there are a number of websites that incorporate online safety advice. A list of these websites can be found below:
- [www.facebook.com/safety](http://www.facebook.com/safety)
  - CEOP website – [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
  - [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)
  - [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
  - Childnet – [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)
  - [www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)
- 4.5 Nottinghamshire Police receives regular requests via Public Protection to provide online safety input to schools. These requests are responded to positively and where possible, members of staff do attend. If the school has a particular issue – such as if there are victims of child sexual exploitation (CSE) attending the school - then this will be prioritised.
- 4.6 The issue of online child safety is an issue for both of the Children's Safeguarding Boards. Nottinghamshire Police also chairs the cross authority group on CSE and the education authorities are also linked in to this meeting.
- 4.7 Through the Child Sexual Exploitation Community Action Group (CSE CAG) the Force is providing awareness in relation to CSE through schools.
- 4.8 An example of this is the 'Theatre Project', which is in conjunction with the Pintsize Theatre Company and is in partnership with the Health authorities. They have raised funds of between £10-17,000 for a bespoke performance regarding sexual exploitation, which has been performed in both City and County schools. There will also be a one-off special production for 'City Looked After Children', currently planned to be performed at NGY on 25/11/2013.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 There are no new risks to report as a result of this paper.

- 8.2 There are always opportunities for partnership working in this area with schools and Public Protection are engaged with local schools where requested or where there is a particular need that is identified.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 The work undertaken by Public Protection within the Crime and Justice Department is intrinsically linked to the Police and Crime Plan priorities; 'protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses, and vulnerable people', and 'prevention, early intervention and reduction in reoffending'.
- 9.2 Staff within Public Protection are available for local schools to seek advice and support in educating, not just children, but also parents who are concerned about these matters and to respond to any matters that may be raised in relation to this.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

- 10.1 Any changes in legislation with regards to online child safety are monitored and implemented as necessary by the Force.

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

- 11.1 There has been no consultation with regards to the report and it will be presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

## **12. Appendices**

- 12.1 There are no appendices to this report.

## **13. Background Papers**

13. There are no background papers relating to this report.