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| Children’s Trust Board Sponsor: Derek higton, Service director, youth, families and culture services | |
| PROGRESS ON THE *TACKLING EMERGING THREATS TO CHILDREN* PROJECT | |

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide information to the Children’s Trust on the progress to date of the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* project

Information and Advice

1. The *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* project aims to develop a **coordinated, partnership response** to tackling a wide range of underlying vulnerabilities and emerging threats to children, including:

* Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
* Radicalisation and extremism
* Grooming, sexualised chat and indecent images
* Female Genital Mutilation
* Cyber-bulling
* Internet safety in relation to the issues above, as well as associated forums that encourage harmful behaviours

1. In September 2015, the **Schools Forum approved funding of £1.2m over three years** from the Schools Budget Reserve for the development of tiers of support for children and young people. This consists of:

* **Universal Support**
* **Targeted Support**
* **Specialist Support**

1. These work streams will work in synergy with an additional **Recovery Support** offer, to be provisionally funded by the Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups.
2. The proposals within each tier of support have been produced in light of **ongoing activity, both within the Authority** and **with partners including schools, the police and health colleagues**. **Table 1** below summarises the activities and funding for each tier of support.

**Table 1 proposed activities and funding for each tier of support**

| **Tier** | **Activity** | **Funding** |
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| **Universal Support** | The provision of a **Universal Support package to schools**, including   * Training and support to teaching staff; * Development of an online learning platform for resources and guidance materials; * Re-commissioning of the Pintsize Theatre productions in relation to child sexual exploitation; * Commissioning of a ‘critical friend’ to map existing practice, consult with key stakeholders and highlight gaps in provision   This support offer will work alongside activity in relation to the commissioning of the **Schools Health Hub,** the development of the new **Schools Portal** and ongoing activity within the County Council to meet the ***Prevent* Duty** | £375k over three years from the Schools Budget Reserve |
| **Targeted Support** | The appointment of **three additional Tier 2 Development Workers** within the Early Help Unit to support schools where there are early help concerns, particularly where children and young people do not meet sufficient thresholds. The Development Workers will also act as a conduit between schools and other professional networks, including the multi-agency CSE Concerns Network | £375k over three years from the Schools Budget Reserve |
| **Specialist Support** | The **commissioning of three Specialist Support Workers** to offer one-to-one support to children and their families affected by CSE. These Specialist Support Workers will also work closely with Nottinghamshire Police and the CSE Concerns Network to ensure that sexual exploitation can be effectively investigated and disrupted, and offenders are successfully prosecuted | £450k over three years from the Schools Budget Reserve |
| **Recovery Support** | To commission appropriate therapeutic support for victims of child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse, including victims of historic sexual exploitation and abuse | Provisional funding by CCGs |

1. Activity is now underway in order to implement these proposals; this includes the development of commissioning specifications and the coordination of activity, in order to provide an integrated approach to safeguarding and support. This is due to be completed by **1st April 2016.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Children’s Trust Board notes the progress made to date with the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children project.

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