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Dear **Chair of Governors/Head Teacher**,

**RE: Supporting Nottinghamshire Schools with regard to Child Sexual Exploitation, Radicalisation, Extremism, Female Genital Mutilation and a range of other *Emerging Threats to Children***

As you will be aware, Nottinghamshire schools have requested that a package of co-ordinated support is to be developed to support them to safeguard children against a broad range of emerging threats; this includes the risks children face from Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), grooming, radicalisation, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), cyber-bullying and associated internet safety concerns.

In September 2015, the Schools Forum unanimously approved £1.2 million of funding over 3 years from the Non-ISB reserve to fund the “*Tackling Emerging Threats to Children*” programme. Nottinghamshire County Council has therefore been working in collaboration with education providers, health partners and Nottinghamshire Police to consider ways in which schools can be supported and confidently comply with Ofsted safeguarding requirements. The following programme has been developed:

- **Universal Support to Schools:** offering a single, unified package of support to schools, to recognise and address current and emerging threats to children;
- **Targeted Support:** to support schools when concerns about a child first emerge;
- **Specialist Support:** to provide a high quality and child centred support service for children who are at risk of, or have been, sexually exploited.

These tiers of support would be complemented by a Recovery Support offer, funded by the Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, to provide therapeutic support for children affected by child sexual abuse. Further detail around the support arrangements for each tier has been provided at the end of this letter.

The use of the Non-ISB reserve to fund this project required Secretary of State approval and, while in support of the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* programme, the Secretary of State has not allowed the local authority to centrally retain the funding; instead, it is suggested that the funds should be delegated to schools for them to opt into the service if they so wish.

Therefore, In order to progress with the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* Programme, £0.420m (16/17) from the Non-ISB Schools Budget Reserve will be delegated on a per pupil basis to individual schools and academies across Nottinghamshire.

For *Insert Name of School*, this amounts to **£XXX.XX**. Individual schools and academies can then decide if they wish to be paid, or re-pool their allocation to access the support provided by the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* Programme.

If you wish to re-pool your allocation, you do not need to do anything; on *Date TBC*, your proportion of the funding will be transferred to support the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* Programme.

However, should you prefer to retain your proportion of the allocated funding and therefore do not wish to access support provided by the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* Programme, please contact [TETC@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:TETC@nottscc.gov.uk) by *Date TBC* to indicate that this is your intention. Your funding allocation will be paid to you as soon as is practicable after this date.

For your information, included at the end of this letter is a brief summary of each of the four tiers of support offered by the *Tackling Emerging Threats to Children* programme. If you require further information on the programme, please contact [TETC@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:TETC@nottscc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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# Packages of Support to Tackle Emerging Threats to Children

## Universal Support

### TETC Team

- A *Universal TETC Team* has been established within the County Council, to oversee the Universal Support provision across the County. The Team includes:
  - Specialists in the areas of radicalisation, extremism, online safety, cyber-bullying, FGM and sexual exploitation;
  - Schools Health Coordinators, supporting schools to improve the health and educational outcomes of their pupils

Team members will be available on a locality-basis to support schools and academies in their local area

- The TETC Team will also work closely with CAMHS Primary Mental Health Workers, the School Nursing Service, the Educational Psychology Service and Case Managers within Nottinghamshire's Early Help Unit. Regular forums between professionals will enable earlier identification of emerging threats, highlight gaps in support provision, and ensure there is consistent practice across the County

### Guidance, Training & Support Materials

- The TETC Team will have a role in developing and quality-assuring resources, lesson plans and guidance materials for Schools and other partners
- The TETC Team will also signpost schools and academies towards quality-assured training and interventions delivered by independent providers
- Additional work planned in the coming year includes:
  - undertaking a funded sexting campaign project, aimed at pupils in Years 6-8;
  - developing a FGM app, to provide advice and guidance, as well as supporting the training of school staff;
  - developing a toolkit to support schools to meet the needs of transgender children and their families

## Targeted Support

- Where concerns about a child first emerge, Case Managers within Nottinghamshire's Early Help Unit will be available to:
  - provide advice and guidance to schools on next steps, particularly where concerns do not meet the threshold for formal social care or early help services;
  - advise schools on the completion of good EHAFs;
  - support schools to explore alternative solutions to address the needs of students
- The Case Managers will be the main link between schools and the Child Sexual Exploitation Concerns Network, encouraging the sharing of information between professionals and communicating relevant information back to schools

## Specialist Support

- A CSE Support Service has been commissioned to support children who are risk of, or have been, sexually exploited; the service aims to support young people to move towards a safer and more settled lifestyle and promote risk reduction
- Children referred into the service will be allocated a Support Worker, who will assess the child and deliver a series of specialist interventions via a collaborative one-to-one approach; they will also ensure that all immediate safeguarding issues are addressed and assess whether support is required for parents/carers
- Referrals into the service will be via Children's Social Care or the Family Service

## Recovery Support

- A CSE and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Therapeutic Recovery Service has been commissioned to support children who are victims or survivors of CSE / CSA; the service aims to minimise the impact of the abuse on their mental health / emotional wellbeing
- The service will provide a range of evidence-based interventions and direct therapeutic work with children and young people, parents and carers
- Referrals into the service will be via the CSE Support Service, Children's Social Care, CAMHS, GPs or Nottinghamshire Police