WELCOME

Mairéad McCafferty
NICCY Chief Executive

- Welcome and overview of the day

Remember to use #CSEProtect
OPENING REMARKS

Koulla Yiasouma

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People

• Introduction and opening remarks
SETTING THE SCENE

John McComb
Include Youth

• Include Youth presents ‘Agent Kathleen’
INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Kathleen Marshall

Inquiry lead
INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Engagement with Children, Young People and Others

- Consultations involving 580 young people and 795 parents
- Work streams by the 3 inspectorates: RQIA, CJI, ETI (See Appendix 3)
- Targeted work with health professionals
- Call for Evidence – 50 submissions
- Stakeholder events
- Meetings with individuals and groups
- Visits to children’s homes and other facilities
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Engagement with Young People

• NICCY Youth Panel (to help shape the consultation process)
• Children in Northern Ireland through their Participation Network
  • 5 groups involving 64 children and young people
• VOYPIC – 55 children and young people from:
  • Non relative foster care
  • Kinship care
  • Children’s residential homes
  • Independent living
  • Secure accommodation
• Barnardo’s Safe Choices – 3 young people interviewed by the Inquiry
• ETI engagements as part of Thematic Survey
• Forum organised by Include Youth – 19 young people
Engagement with Parents

- Parenting NI:
  - Online survey – 183 parents
  - Focus groups – 24 parents

- ETI:
  - 570 parents – mainstream
  - 17 parents – special schools

- Inquiry:
  - One personal interview
  - Meeting with parents of children involved in youth justice
Engagement with Others

- 5 adults shared experiences of CSE as children
- Meetings with representatives of:
  - 18 agencies in the voluntary sector
  - Staff from the Office of the Children’s Commissioner for England
  - Consultant for the Scottish Parliament CSE Inquiry
  - Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry Acknowledgement Forum
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Key Recommendations: From Animation

- Police should build stronger relationships with communities, especially with children and young people
- People should be able to report concerns about children and young people 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Everyone should know more about CSE
- There should be safe places for children and young people to go
- All adults working with children and young people should receive better training and improve how they share information with each other
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Key Message from Young People

- Young people didn’t want their suggestions to give adults all the power. Instead, they wanted children and young people to feel empowered.
Other Key Recommendations

• There should be a review of youth services by the Department of Education, taking into account the views of children and young people, to ensure that such provision is attractive and appropriate.

• The Department of Justice should establish an inter-agency forum to examine how to achieve more successful prosecutions of perpetrators.

• DHSSPS to lead on a regional strategy on CSE, to involve the Departments of Education and Justice.

• HSC Board to ensure accessible and appropriate support for adults who were abused as children.
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Concerns

• Consulting BME communities
• Disability and special needs
• Understanding rights to protection AND participation, etc
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Challenges

• The changing nature of CSE
• Measuring extent
• Balancing hard information, the perspectives of professionals and messages from the grass roots
Some Balancing Acts

• Organised or not? (P 32)
• Child “prostitution” (P 45)
• “Powerful individuals” (P 47)
• Targeting of care homes (P 89)
• Risks in foster care (P 91)
• General awareness of CSE versus understanding implications (P 104)
• Revised Circular 3/96 – official perspectives versus “coal face” (P 123)
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Conclusions

• The ABC approach:
  • Awareness
  • Balance
  • Confidence

• A response that is:
  • Targeted
  • Proportionate
  • Flexible

• Ongoing commitment to listening to and involving children and young people and their parents
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

George Clarke
Chief Superintendent
Police Service of Northern Ireland
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
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Setting the Scene

- 73,450 offences were recorded in 2014/15 (where a person was a victim)
- 9% were committed on children and young people
- Of those who were under 18, 23% were victims of sexual violence
- In April 2015 – 1048 people were reported as missing, 531 were under the age of 18, the majority were between 12 to 17 years of age.
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Reporting of Sexual Crime
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- CSE is not a specific criminal offence in itself; however it is the context within which a range of sexual offences and other forms of serious criminal misconduct take place against children and young people.
- Sometime it is only when relevant information from a disparate number of sources is put together that it becomes clear that children are at risk of significant harm.
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Child Sexual Exploitation On-Line
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Young people engaged in offending behaviour
The Northern Ireland Experience

- Significant emphasis on:
  - the ‘party house’ model of CSE,
  - the ‘boyfriend’ model, and
  - abuse as a result of ‘discharging a debt’, for example, for drugs.

- Links are also noted with:
  - ‘trafficked’ children, and
  - ‘missing’ episodes.

- Of note: most young people did not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and did not see themselves as victims.
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The Northern Ireland Experience

• In terms of offenders, we note that some individuals allow children to be in their company e.g. to stay in their home or to associate with them in other places, even arranging for transport, without informing the child’s parent/guardian/carer of their intentions. They either directly or indirectly encouraged them to go missing or to stay away from their parents/guardians/carers for the purpose of exploiting their vulnerabilities.
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Moving Forward
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Thank you
WORK OF THE SAFEGUARDING BOARD

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Child Sexual Exploitation

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Overview

SBNI’s Role in ...

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- On-line grooming
Role of the SBNI

Established in 2012 by Legislation

➢ To raise awareness of Safeguarding issues

➢ To improve professional learning & enhance their practice

➢ Ensuring the voice of the child & young person is heard
Functions

➢ Development of Policies and Procedures
➢ Promote Awareness
➢ Promote Communication

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
On-line Grooming / E-Safety
CSE Awareness

Information leaflets:

- Professionals
  - CSE in NI – Key Messages
  - CSE Myths and Realities

- Children and Young People
- Parents and Carers

CSE Conference
CSE Definition

Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)

concept of exchange.

‘.....is a form of sexual abuse in which a person(s) exploits, coerces and /or manipulates a child or young person into engaging in some form of sexual activity in return for something the child needs or desires and / or for the gain of the person(s) perpetrating or facilitating the abuse’. 
CSE Guidance

➢ Risk Assessment Toolkit

➢ Guidance
CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
THE MORE YOU KNOW THE MORE YOU SEE
False Freedom

- KTP
- Created by young people
- Acted in the film
- Young girl who finds herself in an exploitative relationship
- Dangers around sexual exploitation - generate discussion
- Empower young people to make safe choices
Relationships and Sexuality Education Guidance
An Update for Post-Primary Schools
Marshall Recommendations

- SBNI’s developing plan for data collection should include a commitment to collation and analysis of the data in a way that will facilitate a strategic response to CSE (4)
- SBNI should periodically audit that all statutory agencies record CSE details in a consistent manner (19)
- SBNI should explore the potential for a regional electronic system for collating and analysing CSE data (58)
- The protocol for sharing information amongst agencies being developed by SBNI should be concluded as a matter of priority (12).
Marshall Recommendations

- SBNI should ensure that as part of its information sharing protocol consistency of terminology is pursued as an aid to effective information sharing (57)

- SBNI should ensure that the information sharing protocol being developed addresses any hesitations on the part of the statutory agencies about sharing information with non-statutory agencies (59)

- SBNI and its member agencies should seek to ensure that there is a delivery of professional training, both multi agency and profession specific and this is based upon a clear and shared definition of CSE (14)
E-Safety Strategy

➢ Government supported recommendations

➢ 7 Departmental Bodies commissioned SBNI to develop e-safety strategy

➢ Expected launch date Q3 2016
E-Safety /Grooming

- Sexting Guidance for Schools
- Grooming Guidance for Schools
- Children exposed to abuse through digital media
Summary

SBNI’s Role in ...

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- On-line grooming
QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Chaired by Mairéad McCafferty
NICCY Chief Executive
Comfort break and refreshments
IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Eilís McDaniel
Director of Family and Children’s Policy Directorate
Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)
IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Caroline Gillian
Director for Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Directorate
Department of Education (DE)
PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND: LEARNING THE LESSONS

Role of Education - Child Protection
PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND: LEARNING THE LESSONS

Education and the Marshall Report
DE Key Recommendation

• DE should conduct a review of youth services that takes account of the views of young people and aims to ensure that such provision is attractive and appropriate.
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DE Supporting Recommendations

• Prevention

• Response
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Monitoring and Review
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Challenges
Conclusion
IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Steven McCourt
Acting Director of Community Safety Unit
Department of Justice (DoJ)
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NICCY Chief Executive
REFLECTIONS AND CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Koulla Yiasouma

Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
Thank you and enjoy lunch

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