

Recommendation	Owner	Timescale	Progress
<p>Strategic Recommendation 2:</p> <p>A comprehensive CSE problem profile to properly understand its scale and nature in Northern Ireland should be developed. This should be police led in conjunction with the Department of Justice with input from partners and should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collation of anonymous data from statutory and non-statutory partners about CSE risks; • The number of children assessed at risk of CSE; • The outcomes of these assessments (numbers at risk, numbers not at risk, and child protection events); • The number of children and parents supported; • Police investigations; <p>Offenders disrupted and prosecuted</p>	<p>DOJ</p> <p>SBNI</p> <p>PSNI Strategic Analysis Unit</p> <p>Public Protection Branch</p>	<p>April 2021</p>	<p>In collaboration with DOJ, Safeguarding Board for NI and other safeguarding partners, a comprehensive problem profile of Child Sexual Exploitation in Northern Ireland will be produced. This will be based on qualitative and quantitative information held by the Police Service and external bodies as well. Planning meetings have taken place with DOJ and strategic analysis to take this forward.</p>
<p>Operational Recommendation 1:</p> <p>The PSNI introduce without delay the proposed IT process to alert within its system children on the Child Protection Register.</p>	<p>PSNI</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>This process is now in place with children on the Child Protection Register alerted on police systems. This enables front line officers to make an effective assessment of risk and to ensure appropriate safeguarding is undertaken when responding to incidents involving</p>

			children. This process was used recently in identifying children at risk during the pandemic, enabling child abuse crime prevention actions to be allocated to District Policing to protect vulnerable children in communities.
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<p>Operational recommendation 2:</p> <p>All agencies should review and update procedures applicable to tackling child sexual abuse including CSE and ensure alignment with child protection policy and procedures. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PSNI develop a CSE operating procedure that is grounded within child protection, and ensure that all other related PSNI procedures and instructions are cross referenced and aligned. 	PSNI	September 2020	<p>Standard Operating Procedures have been updated to ensure a robust response to CSE. A new process is in place across the organisation in respect of the response to children at risk of CSE and a renewed focus on potential offenders.</p> <p>The CSE risk assessment template is currently being reviewed by leading academics, and this work is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.</p> <p>Subsequently, a new overarching service instruction on CSE will be developed and issued to the Police Service to reflect the new process. This will be cross referenced with an updated Child Protection Service Instruction, Missing Person Service Instruction and the Runaway and Missing From Care Protocol and is due for completion by the end of 2020.</p>

<p>Operational Recommendation 3:</p> <p>Within six months of this report, the PSNI implement a consistent approach to CSE across its five PPUs within a model that is adequately supervised and resourced.</p>	<p>PSNI</p>	<p>August 2020</p>	<p>Operational practice has now been reviewed and a consistent operating model is now in place across all teams. There are 13 dedicated CSE detectives working across the organisation alongside other child abuse investigation detectives.</p> <p>A new supervision model is being developed which places greater emphasis and focus on CSE, and is projected to be completed by August 2020.</p>
<p>Operational Recommendation 4:</p> <p>Within six months of publication of the report, each inspected agency should complete a child protection (including CSE) training needs assessment and time bound risk assessed plan for delivery.</p>	<p>PSNI</p>	<p>November 2020</p>	<p>A training needs analysis has already commenced within PSNI led by Investigative training. Other training initiatives have already taken place including training for Central Referral Unit officers, custody and call handling staff. An e-learning package has now been created and launched within the organisation to raise awareness of CSE with front-line staff and assist in the operational response. Once the training needs assessment is complete an action plan will be created in partnership with crime training to address training requirements.</p>

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<p>Operational Recommendation 5:</p> <p>Within three months of this report, the PPB develop a routine quality assurance process for how it manages the PSNI response to CSE with the aim of ensuring adequate and timely risk assessment and investigative activity including child protection investigation. CJI suggests this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sampling from the full range of CSE risk assessments (risks assessed high, medium, low and no risk); • CRU decision-making particularly decisions for single agency social services investigation; • Missing reports including the quality of return interviews, and ‘concerns for safety’ recorded for children; • Adequacy of referrals to the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre; • The quality of safeguarding actions including referrals to social services; • The submission and sharing of CSE related intelligence • The use of disruption tools including CAWNs and the appropriate alerting of these to the PBNI; • Information exchange and liaison internally within PSNI including with the PPANI arrangements and the MSHTU and YDOs. 	PSNI	July 2020	<p>A performance framework is now in place to quality assure CSE investigations and appropriate governance mechanisms are in place. CSE teams complete a monthly report which is reviewed during monthly performance meetings. CSE offenders and children identified at risk of CSE are now reported on a daily basis through Daily Management Meeting structures. Investigations are reviewed on a bi-monthly basis in partnership with Health and Social Care and investigations concerning offenders are reviewed monthly. CSE is reported on a monthly basis through Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group meetings where those most at risk are reviewed and actions generated.</p>

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<p>Operational Recommendation 6:</p> <p>The PSNI address immediately the process of how it deals with cases of sexual activity between 14 and 15 year olds so that practice is in keeping with the joint protocol.</p>	PSNI	May 2020	<p>Meetings have been conducted with Health and Social Care and the Public Prosecution Service. All are in agreement that these cases are not required to be reported to the Prosecution Service after professional joint assessment by police and social services. Joint protocol is being updated to reflect this. This is being progressed through the PSNI/HSC Strategic Co-ordination Group</p>