

Overview: HIPS Child Exploitation & Extra-Familial Harm Strategy 2023-26

The Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships (LSCPs) across the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) recognise that tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm is complex and requires a proactive, multi-agency, holistic approach.

The [HIPS Child Exploitation & Extra-Familial Harm Strategy](#) sets out the agreed priority areas that all partner agencies will work towards to ensure the most effective and coordinated response to exploitation and extra-familial harm. This includes recognising the need to work with colleagues across the four Local Safeguarding Adult Boards (4LSAB) to ensure there are appropriate transitional safeguarding arrangements in place to support all victims of exploitation.

Vision:

To make Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton a safe space for children.

Mission:

To safeguard children and young people from harm resulting from all forms of exploitation and extra-familial harm by:

1. Having a shared understanding of agency roles and responsibilities to provide a coordinated and effective response, (including services for adults).
2. Having a clear focus on the prevention of harm, including through the identification, disruption and prosecution of offenders.

What is referenced?

- Children missing from home or care.
- Child exploitation and extra familial harm - including child sexual exploitation (CSE), online exploitation, child criminal exploitation (CCE) including county lines, drug-related harm, knife crime and serious violence; as well as other forms of exploitation that involve coercion and control such as radicalisation and extremism; forced marriage, female genital mutilation.
- Child trafficking and/or modern slavery.

The priorities are:

1. **Prevent, understand and identify** - Ensure there is an effective and well-established information sharing mechanisms in place to understand and identify those at risk of or experiencing exploitation.
2. **Intervene and support** - Ensure there is adequate access to appropriate support for children experiencing exploitation and/or extra-familial harm.
3. **Disrupt and bring to justice** - Identify, disrupt and prosecute those who are intent on exploiting children.
4. **Governance, scrutiny and oversight** - Evidence that the strategy is making a positive difference to the safety and welfare of children in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Further information

- ⇒ Full [HIPS Child Exploitation & Extra-Familial Harm Strategy 2023-26](#)
- ⇒ HIPS Procedures [3.2 Children who are exploited](#)