



## **Southampton Missing, Exploited, Trafficked (MET) Operational Group**

### Terms of Reference

#### **Aim**

To improve the safety and outcomes for children and young people that are that go missing, are at risk of being exploited or trafficked in Southampton.

To quality assure Southampton local multi-agency responses to children and young people that go missing or are at risk of being exploited or trafficked.

This group lead's the Operational work of the Southampton LSCB Strategic MET Group.

#### **Functions**

- To share child level information<sup>1</sup> within the group to build an accurate and clear picture of local issues. This will focus on identifying trends and relevant information to inform strategic and in terms of:
  - Victims (including vulnerable cohorts)
  - Offenders
  - Locations (to include internet safety as well as 'hot spot' places).
- To carry out case audits to provide evidenced quality assurance of local practice, promote good practice and to action learning from these
- To report headline information on the above functions to the MET Strategic Group at each meeting.

#### **Membership**

The group will include;

- SCC Children's Services
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Education settings representative
- Health representatives (e.g. sexual health)
- Drug Services representative
- SCC Community Safety team
- Youth Offending Team

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<sup>1</sup> A confidentiality statement will be signed and agreed at the start of each meeting.

- Voluntary organisations - Barnardos/No Limits / Catch 22 / Street Pastors/ Youth Options/ Southampton Rape Crisis and any other identified organisations working with MET young people.
- Housing providers as identified
- Providers of residential placements for Looked After Children in Southampton
- National Probation Trust
- Community Rehabilitation Company

#### **Chair**

The Forum will be chaired by DI Roger Middle, Hampshire Constabulary  
Vice Chair is TBC

#### **Reporting and Accountability**

This group will report to the Southampton LSCB MET Strategic Group at every meeting. This may be in person via a nominated group member or by providing a report to the Chair of the Strategic Group.

#### **Frequency of Meetings and Attendance**

The group will meet monthly

#### **Roles and Responsibilities of Members**

- To take a lead role for their own organisation and partnerships on these issues to positively promote the work of the group and to improve responses to the issues.
- To feed in relevant data and real life case information.
- To contribute data and information to the work of the group.
- To sign up to a confidentiality statement for the group.
- To support the group achieve its objectives.
- To be a point of contact for information about MET issues and supporting resources for workers in their organisation/service.
- To share and cascade relevant guidance, tools and other resources in relation to MET issues.
- To contribute to the identification of themes and trends in MET issues in Southampton.

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