

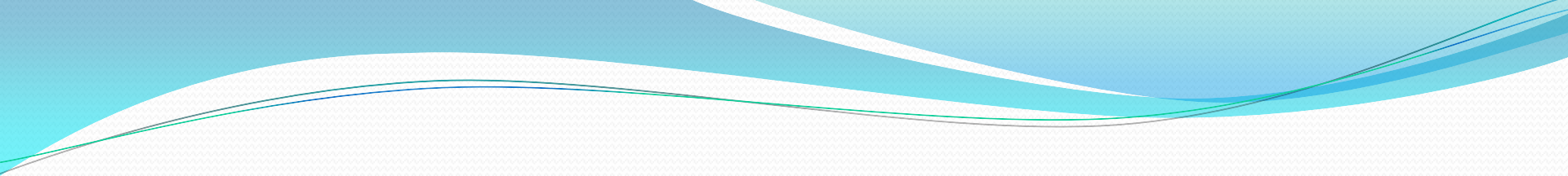
# DACSE – Domestic Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation Team

Based 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Fred Perry House, within the  
Multi Agency Safeguarding and Support Hub (MASSH)

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# DACSE Team

- Stockport Phoenix DACSE Team is part of Stockport Family and GMP.
- Stockport Phoenix DACSE (Domestic Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation) are a co-located Team of DACSE SW's and CSE Police Officers, School Nurse and YOS officer.
- The team has a Police Sgt from GMP, a Team Manager from Children's Social Care, 5 DACSE Social Workers, 6 GMP CSE Police Officers and a full time DACSE Coordinator /Business Support Officer. A School Nurse 7.5 hours per week and a YOS Officer 2 days per week who have joined the team in September.
- The Team is based in Stockport MASSH so has the advantage of being located with a number of agencies to utilise skills, knowledge and input on the cases.



In Stockport we have combined CSE and Domestic Abuse from a Children's Social Care perspective due to the significant comparisons in the way that domestic abuse perpetrators and sex offenders operate; alongside the psychological effects the abuse has on the victims which is similar in victims of domestic abuse and sexual exploitation. The grooming process is essentially the same and there are strong correlations with children who have experienced domestic abuse going on to be sexually exploited.

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- What do we know about the grooming process?

# The Grooming Line



## Targeting stage

- Observing the child/ young person
- Selection of child/ young person
- Befriending – being nice, giving gifts, caring, taking an interest, giving compliments, etc
- Gaining and developing trust
- Sharing information about young people between other abusive adults



## Friendship forming stage

- Making young people feel special
- Giving gifts and rewards
- Spending time together
- Listening and remembering
- Keeping secrets
- Being there for them
- 'No-one understands you like I do'; being their best friend
- Testing out physical contact – accidental touching
- Offering protection



## Loving relationship stage

- Being their boyfriend/girlfriend
- Establishing a sexual relationship
- Lowering their inhibitions – eg showing them pornography
- Engaging them in forbidden activities – eg going to clubs, drinking, taking drugs
- Being inconsistent – building up hope and then punishing them



## Abusive relationship stage

- Becomes an 'unloving' sexual relationship
- Withdrawal of love and friendship
- Reinforcing dependency on them – stating young person is 'damaged goods'
- Isolation from family and friends
- Trickery and manipulation – 'you owe me'
- Threatening behaviour
- Physical violence
- Sexual assaults
- Making them have sex with other people
- Giving them drugs
- Playing on the young person's feeling of guilt, shame and fear

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- Also consider push and pull factors in Domestic Abuse as well as CSE!



# Project Phoenix

- GM wide project collaboration between public and third sector agencies in partnership to address CSE and ensure consistency
- <http://www.itsnotokay.co.uk/>
- Guidance around key aspects of practice
- Indicator of concern CSE Assessment Phoenix Measurement Tool, enables risk measurement low/medium /high risk and review.

# Social Worker

- Social Workers remit is to work with high risk complex domestic abuse, this is with regards to children in domestically abusive households and young people themselves who are in in an abusive relationship. DACSE Sw role is also to work with families whereby there are concerns regarding Children Sexual Exploitation.
- Work across Stockport Family ... not locality based
- Statutory interventions, SWAss, CP process, LAC process, TAC process.
- Completion of CSE Assessment Phoenix Measurement Tool
- Joint work with Locality SW and key SW Worker allocation.
- Multi agency meetings, MASE, Madison, MARAC, MAPPA
- Direct work and intervention's with children and y/p.
- Advice/Consultation
- Training and awareness raising, learning circles
- Duty System in place



# Interventions by DACSE SW's

Sessions may incorporate:

- **What is CSE? Looking at the grooming stages. Looking at grooming examples and scenarios from the Bwise2 sexual exploitation resource.**
- **Completing life story work to help the y/p understand why he/she has been vulnerable and at risk.**
- **Looking at “push and pull” factors of CSE (including drugs/alcohol/family environment/domestic abuse/self-esteem).**
- **Drugs, Sexual health and consent. What is legal or illegal?**
- **Self Esteem Work**
- **Identifying Healthy and unhealthy relationships (including looking at the power and control wheel and the wheel of equality).**
- **Internet safety and sexting.**
- **Protective behaviour work – signs of safety, safety planning and support networks.**
- **Review of what has been learnt. Has anything changed? Goal setting. What does the future hold?**

**A RELATIONSHIP IS OFTEN WHAT MATTERS MOST!!**

# Phoenix DACSE/CSE Police

CSE Police Officers investigate CSE crimes and public protection investigations (PPI), gathering evidence to arrests offenders, build case files to present to the CPS and attend court, liaising with appropriate partners and making relevant referrals e.g. National referral mechanism for trafficked people. They assist with safeguarding and supporting young people through the investigation / court process. All the work that CSE Police Officers complete is underpinned by building a relationship with the young person.

# Case Study

- Alex was adopted as a child and has an adoptive brother and two sisters who were adopted at a later date.
- Alex was diagnosed with an attachment disorder as she grew older and there were complex family relationships. This was mainly between Alex and her brother who would physically fight and both displayed aggression towards their adoptive mother.
- Alex began to go missing from home often in her teenage years and was using alcohol and cannabis.
- Alex became pregnant at the age of 14 and her boyfriend was an adult male. She had been a victim of sexual exploitation and her boyfriend was arrested for sexual activity with a child.
- Sadly Alex's baby was still born due to a condition she had that no one was aware of. The father of the baby spent time in prison for his crimes and Alex could see that she was exploited by him through direct work that was completed with her.
- When he came out of prison Alex began to meet with him in secret and was confused if she had feelings for him or not. He had said he wanted to meet to talk about the baby they lost as he didn't have an opportunity to say goodbye. The reunion resulted in Alex having a brief sexual relationship with her ex-partner which breached his probation licence and restraining order. He was subsequently returned to prison to serve the remainder of his licence.
- Alex then went on to meet a partner who was a friend of her ex. This became a domestically violent relationship. Alex has been heard at MARAC and is now pregnant with his baby.
- DACSE and CSE Police have worked together to support Alex and ensure that offenders are prosecuted.

# What else do we do!

- Daily governance and weekly multi agency meeting
- Integral in proposed amalgamation of MASE and Madison
- CSE strategy and action plan for SSCB
- CSE Practitioners Forum
- Missing from family home and care
- Link with Op Challenger
- Training and awareness raising
- Community Events
- CSE week of action

# Consideration when working with Families where there are domestic abuse concerns

- Understand the context of DA - what is happening for the victim ( think about the grooming process/vulnerability/push pull etc), perpetrator's behaviour, impact on the child/ren
- Most important, speak to the victim on their own.
- Consider support/safety measures that can be put in place.
- Use MARAC RIC as a tool
- Remember there are two victims! ( adult victim and child/ren in the household) ..
- Remember that there are often a significant amount of incidents that are not reported to the police.
- The perpetrator must always be part of an assessment where this is safe to do so. .. Think 'Hidden Men'
- The most risky time for a victim is when they leave ... careful planning and sensitive approach is often needed.
- A relationship as parents continues, risk of DA continues, risk is often not eliminated when they are not in an intimate relationship.

# Referrals

- New cases that are referred to DACSE Team come through the contact centre. Cases have to be considered at Social Care threshold for DACSE Social work involvement (medium or high risk CSE assessment and SWAss or DA Swass)
- Request for DACSE Social Worker to co work a case is received via the Locality Team Manager to the DACSE Team Manager.
- CSE Police become involved when a crime is referred to 101 or 999 response .
- CSE Police Team contact number is: 07810832457
- Advise and consultation for Social Workers can be offered via DACSE Social Workers, Team Manager or Co-ordinator .





**Any Questions?**

# Useful Websites

- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <http://www.itsnotokay.co.uk/>
- <http://www.paceuk.info/support-for-parents/>
- <http://www.theduluthmodel.org/training/wheels.html>
- [http://www.hiddenhurt.co.uk/cycle\\_of\\_abuse.html](http://www.hiddenhurt.co.uk/cycle_of_abuse.html)
- <http://www.safelives.org.uk/>
- <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>
- <http://www.ncdv.org.uk/>
- <http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/>
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