MARVE

Multi-Agency Risk, Vulnerability and Exploitation Meetings and Referral Pathways

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Programme

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MARVE - How we got here

• MARVE launched November 2018
• MASE and MISPERS panels monthly. Focus on sexual exploitation and missing.
• Responding to local and national trends – all forms of exploitation and youth violence.
• Decision to move to a wider panel to consider contextual safeguarding.
• County lines, child criminal exploitation, sexual exploitation, serious youth violence, knife crime, trafficking and gangs.
• Liaison with neighbouring boroughs sharing best practice and developing the panel.
Forms of exploitation

Context

Child Sexual Exploitation

Gangs

Modern Day Slavery

Criminal Exploitation

Radicalisation

Serious Youth Violence

Peer on Peer Abuse

Harmful Sexualised Behaviour
Aims of the MARVE

• Strategic and operational oversight for children at risk of all forms of child exploitation
• Provide a comprehensive approach to tackling issues of exploitation and harm of or by children and young people across the Kingston and Richmond area
• Partnership working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in effectively tackling exploitation, vulnerability and risk.
• Disrupt and prevent all forms of child exploitation and harm
• Coordinating information sharing and multi-agency interventions
• Understand locations of concern the context
• Identify persons of concern
• Develop plans across the Partnership to address
How we achieve our aims

• Monthly panel
• Chaired by Police and Children’s Social Care
• Multi-agency attendance:
  • CAMHS, sexual health, safeguarding/named nurses, school nurses, GPs
  • Education welfare officer, Inclusion manager, PRU Head, Child missing education rep, SPA education worker
  • Social workers, return interview workers, gangs worker, AfC prevent worker
• Housing, probation
• Phoenix project (supporting children sexually exploited)
• Police CSE/CE/YOT officers
• Case discussion, review of plans, oversight of progress, sharing of information, next steps identified, RAG rated, mapping
MARVE Data

- Nov 18 to August 19, 54 young people referred to the panel
- 50% female, 48% male, 2% transitioning
- 59% white, 24% mixed heritage, 7% black, 6% Asian.
- 41% looked after or care leavers, 15% on CP plans
- 50% referred to MARVE re concerns of criminal exploitation, 46% sexual Exploitation, 4% Harmful sexual behaviour
- 31% not in education, 20% at PRUs, 19% EHCP, 19% SEN support
- 70% had issues with substance misuse
RISKS & VULNERABILITIES

Extra familiar risks – context
• Children persistently missing, changes in behaviour, unexplained injuries
• Absent from school, truancy, exclusions
• Pregnancy, terminations, STIs, sexual identity
• Suicidal thoughts, plans and attempts, low self esteem, Poor mental health,
• Substance and alcohol misuse, unexplained money and gifts
• Children carrying knives and weapons for protection
• Use of technology, sexting, sexual images shared, secretive
• Children with SEN, statemented
• MH issues
• Family issues, neglect/abuse, family substance or MH issues
• Immigration status
LR 16 Year old Female - referred to MARVE Nov 2018

Missing to be with older males in the area of Chessington, she has spoken about being involved with different gangs and does not feel that she can leave. The influence of these groups of people who have groomed L mean that she is going missing, carrying a knife and her relationship at home has broken down.

Presented to MARVE, action plan was put in place, which included police visiting the areas that L spoke about meeting people of concern in the community, support offered to the school to reduce the risk of further exclusions and ongoing work with the phoenix project in relation to sexual exploitation.

There had been some reduction in the concerns by December and L had not been excluded following work with the school therefore reducing the risk of further grooming while out in the community, however she had been reported missing twice.
The relationship at home had broken down further, however a plan was in place for respite care. A safety plan was discussed with mum in relation to any unknown males in the home and L is continuing to work with the phoenix project.

In January the social worker presented the case to MARVE with an update risk assessment that evidenced that the risk of CSE had reduced significantly, L was in education, she was not being reported missing and she was living at home.

L was removed from the MARVE agenda and the case closed to children services 9 months later
LOCATION & CONTEXT

LOCAL HOUSING ESTATE. GANGS and GROUPS.

• Reports of drug dealing. County lines links?

• Initial numbers 4-5 YP. Information shared between agencies and at MARVE.

• Many others involved. Complex strat meeting held – mapped and associates/links emerging.

• Enables partnership and lead professionals to understand wider links between children, risks and exploitation

HOTELS

• Female from Surrey grooming children and enabling sexual abuse in hotel rooms

• Incident – including victims/POC and venues - discussed at MARVE.

• Intelligence informs Police action/disruption - Operation Makesafe

• Ongoing programme of awareness for hotels, pubs, fast food outlets
What can you do?

• Identify
• Refer – full details
• Case mapping – who knows whom where do young people congregate
• Think about locations
• Record and share information

How to refer? -

• External agencies – refer matter to SPA
• Internal – MARVE referral completed.
• Children open to Children’s Social Care – Social Worker to complete risk assessment
Appendix 4 MARVE- Flow Chart.

SPA receives referral regarding Child Exploitation concerns.
- Open to children's services?
  - Yes
    - Open to Prevention, Early Help?
      - Yes
        - MARVE concerns referred to allocated worker to complete referral form to be sent to SPA with request to MASH
      - No
        - CE concerns?
          - Yes
            - MARVE Risk assessment completed by Social Worker.
              - Is the child missing?
                - Yes
                  - Case allocated to R&A or YRS
                - No
                  - CE concerns confirmed
                    - MARVE Risk assessment sent to MASH-SPA
                      - Social worker completes 87A & refers to CAIT. Strategy discussion if child is at risk of immediate harm
                      - Social worker records on ICS in case notes and uploads 87A
                      - Strategy meeting held within 3 days.
                        - Yes
                          - MARVE threshold met?
                            - Yes
                              - Case referred to MARVE by lead professional
                            - No
                              - Emerging themes: Vulnerability identified but does not meet MARVE threshold. Refer to Phoenix project for CSE Substance misuse teams, CAMHS
                          - No
                            - MARVE Panel
          - No
            - SPA initiates MASH.
              - Case referred to MARVE by lead professional
                - Discuss at MISPER & escalate to
MARVE – NEXT STEPS

• Young people discussed at MARVE also being discussed on IOM (Integrated Offender Management) panel.

What is IOM?
• Multi-agency panel that manages young offenders to prevent repeat offending, through close supervision and management

What next?
• Develop awareness of contextual safeguarding
• Recruit to contextual safeguarding manager post
• Develop community response to contextual safeguarding
• Recognising developing risks early, identifying support of siblings
Thank you
Any Questions?