

# Redbridge

## MULTI AGENCY SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (MASE) MEETING

### A GUIDE

Children and Young People at Risk of Sexual Exploitation



## **Introduction to MASE**

The Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) meeting is a forum for partners in Redbridge to allow regular information sharing and action planning to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

The pan London CSE operating protocol (April 2015) defines the MASE as the 'driver for multi-agency operational activity to combat CSE in each borough'. The MASE is responsible for:

- safeguarding victims
- disrupting perpetrators
- targeting venues and locations
- ensuring that information is recorded and exchanged and
- linking in with other areas.

## **Redbridge MASE**

The Redbridge MASE meets monthly and is jointly chaired by the police and Children's Services. In Redbridge the following agencies are represented at MASE:

- Police
  - Redbridge Police
  - Sexual Exploitation Team
- Children's services
  - Child Protection & Assessment Team
  - MASH
  - Intensive Support Team
  - Looked After Children
  - Emergency Duty Team
  - Early Intervention and Family Support Service
- Youth Offending Service
- Education Welfare Service
- Health
- Victim support

Other agencies (e.g. Probation, care homes, drug/alcohol team) may be asked to attend when their agency is involved in the case

## **Referrals into MASE**

In line with the pan- London operating protocol, all cases of CSE in Redbridge are referred to the MASE.

All CSE cases managed by Redbridge Children's Services should be referred to MASE by the allocated social worker/allocated worker. This includes children who are looked after by Redbridge placed in another local authority.

- Cases that have been discussed at a CSE MAP are referred to MASE by the Allocated Social Worker. The ASW completes a MASE referral form setting out the CSE concerns and the actions agreed at the CSE MAP. No cases managed by a Social Worker should be discussed at MASE until a CSE MAP has taken place.
- CSE cases that are referred to the Early Intervention & Family Support (EI&FS) service are also referred into MASE. A MASE referral form should be completed by the allocated worker, outlining the CSE concerns and the actions agreed by EI&FS and their partners.

If a Redbridge child placed in another local authority is discussed at another local authority's MASE, then the data on that child should also be referred to the Redbridge MASE by the allocated social worker for data collection purposes.

The MASE panel also considers young people from other local authorities placed in Redbridge where there are CSE concerns. In these instances the relevant social worker and manager from the placing authority attends the panel to discuss the management of the cases.

For clarity, a MASE meeting should *not* be the first interagency discussion of the case. Social Workers/allocated workers referring cases to MASE must ensure that they have held a strategy meeting or a multi-agency meeting on the cases before referring into MASE.

Referrals to MASE must be received no less than 10 days prior to the MASE meeting allowing case details to be circulated no less than one week prior to the MASE meeting. This enables all MASE panel members to familiarise themselves with the cases being discussed and come prepared to discuss cases from their agencies' perspective.

All referrals to MASE need to complete a short MASE referral form. (See appendix 1). **The form is available on protocol or can be accessed here .....**

All referrals should be sent to Ann Alexander, MASE Administrator  
[ann.alexander@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:ann.alexander@redbridge.gov.uk)

Ann can be contacted on 0208 708 3975.

### **MASE - Individual case discussions**

The MASE meeting should *not* have full cases management discussions regarding the cases brought to the meeting. These should be held at the MAP strategy meeting (or other multi-agency discussions if in Early Intervention) prior to referral into MASE.

At MASE, the discussion on each individual case should concentrate on the following:

- Do the actions proposed address all the concerns highlighted by the case?
- Do operational staff need any additional support/resources with the case?
- Are there any additional actions that should be taken to protect and support the victim and disrupt the offender?
- Are all agencies are working together co-operatively?
- Have all agencies recorded the relevant details on their systems to ensure others have access to the information

The discussion is also an opportunity for those managing the case to raise any issues about the case that might need additional support, advice or input from the MASE panel members or the agencies they represent.

If the MASE *is* satisfied with the actions being proposed to address the CSE case presented, then this is recorded in the minutes.

If the MASE *is not* satisfied with the actions being proposed, or if the Social Worker has come to the meeting requesting additional support/resources, then the panel will recommend specific additional actions for named individuals in partner agencies. These are recorded in the minutes and progress against these actions is checked at the following meeting.

The MASE can ask for any case to be brought back to a later MASE meeting in order to check progress with the case.

### **MASE - data collection**

The other key function of the MASE meeting is to ensure that CSE data and intelligence is collated for analysis. (See appendix 2)

For every case reported to the MASE, the following information will be collected which in turn will be reported on a quarterly basis to the LSCB CSE subgroup:

- Demographics (including age, ethnicity, gender and school) of child
- Redbridge or OLA child
- LAC status of child
- Missing history of child
- Existing health issues – sexual health, drugs, alcohol, mental health)
- Care leaver?
- Type of CSE experienced by victim (types defined by revised protocol)
- Whether CSE is gang or group related
- Level of CSE risk
- Activity against perpetrators –identified; arrested; charged; convicted
- Locations/venues if identified
- Numbers and types of disruptions – civil orders, closure of premises, abduction warning notices, etc.

**Appendix 1. CSE Referral form**

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## Appendix 2: MASE DATA COLLECTION

CHILD / YOUNG PERSON'S DEMOGRAPHICS		
NAME	ADDRESS	
DOB	GENDER	
ETHNICITY	CASE NUMBER	
SCHOOL	PLACEMENT ADDRESS IF APPLICABLE	
CASE PREVIOUSLY AT MASE	Y   N	GP DETAILS: <span style="float: right;">NHS NO:</span>

RISK LEVEL OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION		SELECT ONE
CATEGORY 1 (AT RISK)	A vulnerable child or young person is at risk of being groomed for sexual exploitation. But at this stage there is no evidence of any offences.	
CATEGORY 2 (MEDIUM RISK)	A child or young person who is targeted for opportunistic abuse through the exchange of sex for drugs, accommodation (overnight stays) and goods, etc. and the likelihood of coercion or control is significant.	
CATEGORY 3 (HIGH RISK)	A child or young person whose sexual exploitation is habitual often denied by the child / young person and where coercion or control is implicit.	
TYPE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION		SELECT ONE
BOYFRIEND MODEL	The offender befriends and grooms a young person into a relationship and then coerces or forces them to have sex with friends or associates.	
PEER-ON-PEER EXPLOITATION	Peer on peer abuse can include sexual bullying at school, being coerced to send sexual images, physical and sexual assaults & violence and teenage relationship abuse. It also includes gang associated abuse and exploitation.	
ORGANISED/NETWORKED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR TRAFFICKING	Young people are passed through networks where they may be forced/coerced into sexual activity with multiple men. Organised exploitation varies from spontaneous networking between groups of offenders, to more serious organised crime where young people are effectively 'sold'.	
INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS	Usually involve one offender who has inappropriate power or control over a young person (physical, emotional or financial). May be a significant age gap. Young person may believe they are in a loving relationship.	
FAMILIAL	Young people can be individually exploited, or it may also involve other family members. The motivation is often financial and can involve substance use. Parents or family members control and facilitate the exploitation.	
OPPORTUNISTIC	Typically older males identify vulnerable young people who may already have a history of being groomed or sexually abused. The perpetrator will offer a young person a 'reward' or payment in exchange for sexual acts.	
ONLINE CSE	New technologies and social networking tools and platforms; chat rooms, dating sites or online gaming, present further opportunities for social interaction. CSE can occur through the use of technology without the child realising it. For example, a child or young person is persuaded to post	

<b>GROUP OR GANG RELATED?</b>		<b>SELECT ONE</b>
GROUP	Involves people who come together in person or online for the purpose of setting up, co-ordinating and/or taking part in the sexual exploitation of children in either an organised or opportunistic way.	
GANG	Mainly comprising men and boys aged 13-25 years old, who take part in many forms of criminal activity (e.g. knife crime or robbery) who can engage in violence against other gangs, and who have identifiable markers,	
NOT APPLICABLE	No evidence of group or gang related activity	
	images of themselves on the internet and/or mobile phones.	

<b>MISSING CATEGORY</b>		<b>SELECT ONE</b>
CURRENTLY MISSING	The child or young person is currently missing from care or home. Whereabouts are not known or confirmed.	
EPISODES OF MISSING FROM CARE OR HOME	The child or young person is not currently missing but has gone missing before and there is concern they may go missing again from care or home.	
EPISODES OF MISSING FROM CARE OR HOME AND SCHOOL	The child or young person is not currently missing but has gone missing before and there is concern they may go missing again from care or home AND school.	
ABSENCES FROM CARE OR HOME	The child or young person does not go missing but returns home late, breaks curfew, stays out with friends, etc...	
ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL	The child or young person does not consistently attend school.	
NOT APPLICABLE	Does Not Apply	
<b>EDUCATION CATEGORY</b>		<b>SELECT ONE</b>
ATTENDS SCHOOL		
ATTENDS COLLEGE		
ATTENDS PRU		
NOT IN EDUCATION		

<b>LAC CATEGORY</b>	<b>SELECT ONE</b>
NOT IN CARE	
REDBRIDGE CHILD IN CARE IN REDBRIDGE	
REDBRIDGE CHILD IN CARE PLACED OUT OF BOROUGH	
OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILD PLACED IN REDBRIDGE	

<b>SUBSTANCE MISUSE</b>	<b>SELECT ONE</b>
ALCOHOL ONLY	
DRUGS ONLY	
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS	
NO	
UNKNOWN	

<b>SEXUAL HEALTH ISSUES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
SEXUAL HEALTH CONCERNS: TERMINATION/STIs/EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION		

<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS		
CHILD/YOUNG PERSON KNOWN TO CAHMS		

<b>DISABILITY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
LEARNING DISABILITY		
PHYSICAL DISABILITY		

<b>ASSOCIATIONS WITH OTHERS AT RISK OF CSE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
LIVES WITH; FRIENDS WITH OTHERS EXPOSED TO OR AT RISK OF CSE		

<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DK</b>
HISTORY OF CHILD/YP WITNESS TO OR EXPERIENCE OF DV			



<b>SEXUAL ABUSE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DK</b>
HISTORY OF CHILD/YP SEXUAL ABUSE			

<b>CHILDREN SERVICES ACTIONS &amp; OUTCOMES</b>		<b>SELECT ONE</b>
NFA	Panel Deemed No Further Action Possible, Or Appropriate	
PREVENTION	Raising Awareness of Risks, Provision of Information and Advice	
EARLY INTERVENTION	Manage Risk Taking Behaviours, Supporting Parents and Carers	
PROTECTION & SUPPORT	Therapeutic Interventions, Investigations, support	

<b>POLICE ACTIONS &amp; OUTCOMES</b>		<b>SELECT ONE</b>
NFA	Panel Deemed No Further Action Possible, Or Appropriate	
PREVENTATIVE	Preventative work taking place with victim or perpetrator	
INTERVENTION	Abduction notices, other disruption methods etc.	
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	Criminal proceedings	

<b>POLICE INFORMATION ON PEPETRATOR</b>	<b>SELECT ONE</b>
PERPETRATOR IDENTIFIED	
PERPETRATOR ARRESTED	
PERPETRATOR CHARGED	
PERPETRATOR CONVICTED	
NO ACTIVITY/NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE	
PERPETRATOR UNKNOWN	

AREA WHERE VICTIM FIRST MET PERPETRATOR			SELECT ONE
SHOPPING CENTRE		BUS/TUBE/TRAIN/COACH STATION	
FAST FOOD OUTLET ( INCLUDES TAKEAWAY, CAFE)		PARK/PLAYGROUND	
PUB/CLUB		ONLINE	
SPORTS CLUB		TAXI RANK	
OUTSIDE SCHOOL		RED LIGHT DISTRICT	
OTHER, please state.....		UNKNOWN	

LOCATION WHERE CSE TOOK PLACE		SELECT ONE
PRIVATE HOME		
HOTEL/HOSTEL/BED AND BREAKFAST		
BROTHELS		
TAXI		
CAR		
ONLINE		
OTHER		
UNKNOWN		

GENDER OF PERPETRATOR	SELECT ONE	AGE OF PERPETRATOR	SELECT ONE
MALE		UNDER 18	
FEMALE		18-25	
UNKOWN		26-45	
		46-65	
		66+	

ETHNICITY OF PERPETRATOR	SELECT ONE
NEED POLICE IC CODES HERE	

KNOWN TO YOTPS	YES	NO

INVOLVEMENT WITH YOTPS AT TIME OF MASE	SELECT ONE
TRIAGE	
YOUTH CAUTION	
YOUTH CONDITIONAL CAUTION	
REFERRAL ORDER	
YOUTH REHABILITATION ORDER	
DETENTION TRAINING ORDER (OR OTHER CUSTODIAL SENTENCE)	
PREVIOUSLY KNOWN BUT INVOLVEMENT ENDED	
NOT APPLICABLE	

