

Terms of Reference for the Child Exploitation - Missing (CE-M) Steering Group

Background

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership has agreed the following strategic priorities for 2025 – 2028 Business Plan:

1. Tackling Child Exploitation
2. Enhancing the Emotional Wellbeing of Children through trauma aware practices
3. To identify and reduce the impact of child neglect on children and young people
4. To identify and reduce the impact of sexual and physical harm
5. Responding, implementing and evaluating the effectiveness of the new Working Together 2023 arrangements across the partnership
6. Online Harms - including but not restricted to:
 - Bullying
 - Exploitation / Grooming
 - Harmful Content
 - Self-harm / Suicide
 - Financial Abuse
 - Blackmail
 - Self-Generated Images
7. To identify and reduce the impact of Domestic Abuse on children, young people and their families

Purpose

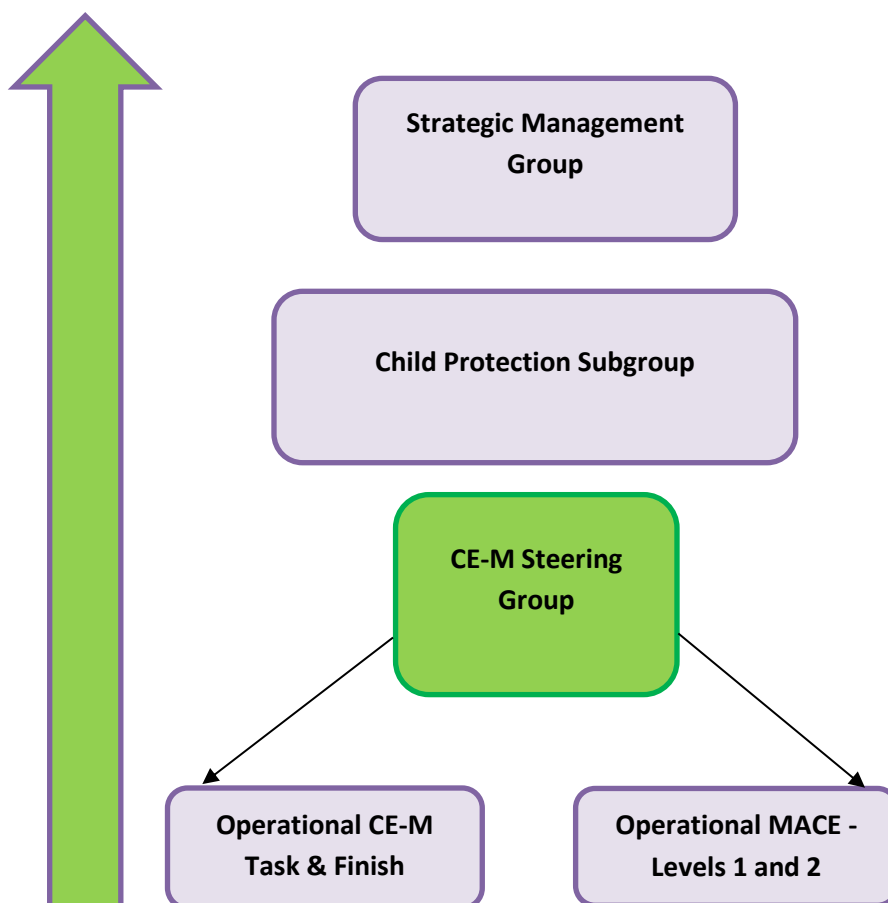
The purpose of the group is to develop, review and maintain strategic processes and resources to ensure that children are safeguarded and live free of the threat and impact of all forms of child exploitation. To coordinate work across the partnership to promote a cohesive and effective response to child exploitation. The Steering Group report the Child Protection Subgroup, assisting in maintaining Strategic priorities.

Objectives

- To promote effective working relationships between all partners, professional groups and voluntary organisations to safeguard children from exploitation.
- To analyse bi-monthly performance reports to identify trends and patterns as well as opportunities to disrupt persons and places which pose a risk to children through exploitation
- To receive practice escalations from the Operational MACE Chairs, and break down barriers to partnership working
- To have oversight of the MACE development plan and any ongoing pieces of work linked to MACE performance and delivery to promote continuous development
- To have delegated responsibility from MACPT Subgroup for approving operational and process changes to support Operational MACE. If it is a process change the Steering Group can sign off, but if it is a policy or procedural change which would have wider implications to partners, they are to come through this MACPT Strategic Subgroup for approval.
- To develop and promote any communications and campaigns linked to exploitation and/or missing
- To identify opportunities for further commissioning to combat exploitation
- To establish, oversee and receive the work of the Operational CEM associated Task and Finish groups

- To promote a consistency of practice by bringing together the Operational MACE Chairs. The MACE Chairs will consider any cases which have been listed for review on more than three occasions.

Governance



Expectations

- All members will feed information back into their service or organisation, and those they represent.
- All members will participate in the work of the steering group, whether directly or through identifying resources within their organisations.
- The Chair and LSCP Business Manager will meet prior to the meeting to set the agenda
- Papers and agenda will be circulated no less than 7 days before the meeting
- The action log and draft minutes will be circulated no later than 10 working days after the meeting.
- All actions from the steering group meetings will be addressed and fed back via the action log 10 days prior to the next meeting.
- All steering group output and activity will be ratified at the subsequent MACPT Strategic Subgroup meetings which will receive updates from the Operational MACE Steering Group Chair.

Meetings and attendance

Meetings will be held every 6 weeks.

Membership

Role/Agency
Gainsborough project lead Children's services - community/volunteer voice
Lincolnshire NHS - ICB Head of Safeguarding Children, Looked After Children
TM, Children's Services, LCC
PVP - Sgt
Lincolnshire NHS - LCHG Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Young People
District Safeguarding coordinator
Lincolnshire NHS - ICB Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Young People
Lincolnshire NHS - LCHG named nurse for safeguarding and vulnerabilities
LCC Education, Welfare & Engagement Team - Team Leader
SEND - Team Manager and SEST Strategic Lead Children's (SEND)
District - Safeguarding lead
Future4Me, LCC - CE Co-ordinator
Future4Me, LCC - Practice Supervisor
Probation Service Senior Officer (Safeguarding)
The Children's Society
NACRO Manager
Horizon Deputy OP manager
Lincoln college (16 +) Safeguarding
LSCP Senior Safeguarding Coordinator
LSCP Business Manager
LSCP - Audit and Policy Officer
LSCP Analyst

Role/Agency
LSCP Business Support

Deputies

Members are expected to attend, but named deputies are to be provided, and are to attend only if necessary.

Approval

Date	Status	By
	Agreed	CEM and MACE Subgroup
16.11.22 v1.2	Membership updated	LSCP
9.12.22 – v1.3	Updated	LSCP CEM
30.3.23 – v1.4	Agreed	LSCP CEM
V1.5	Membership Updated	
V1.6	Updated	LSCP CEM
V1.7	Updated	LSCP CEM
V1.8	Updated	LSCP CE-M Steering Group