

Appendix B

REGIONAL APPROACH TO PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO EXPLOITATION & ABUSE

The Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Board - Preventing, identifying and responding to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk of or experiencing slavery/trafficking

The Criminal Exploitation and Missing Board - Preventing, identifying and responding to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk of or experiencing criminal exploitation

The Sexual Assault and Abuse Board - Preventing, identifying and responding to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk of or experiencing sexual assault and abuse

The Domestic Abuse Board - Preventing, identifying and responding to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse

SUPPORTING NARRATIVE

Exploitation and abuse is a key priority for the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner therefore, ownership for this work is shared across both teams and whilst ultimate accountability is with the WMCSF, there will be a reporting line through to the Victims Commission.

The four boards are all at different stages of development, with COVID having a detrimental impact on our ability to establish and agree terms of reference, priorities, etc. from the different localities/agencies at the same time as they were working hard to ensure they were responding to the Pandemic. However, all boards are now up and running and have a schedule of meetings in place to drive forward priorities. The boards share a number of overarching and shared objectives, together with individual board priorities. Progress against these is set out below.

THE BOARD JOINTS PRIORITIES

Lead on designing and developing multi-agency whole system approaches to exploitation

Develop workforce strategies and plans to ensure that key professionals are equipped and trained to effectively prevent, identify and respond to exploitation

Develop sector-led improvement programmes and identify and share good practice

Lead on the development of datasets/dashboards in order to further develop the region's understanding of exploitation and its impact and use this to inform commissioning and development of service responses