

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27636

I would be grateful if you would provide answers to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

- *In 2025, how many adult safeguarding concerns did you receive where the subject was considered to be experiencing or at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?*

Total Referrals	89
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- *Of those referrals, how many resulted in (1) a Section 42 enquiry, and (2) other safeguarding enquiries?*

1) 48

2) 0

- *Is there a multi-agency forum in this local authority area which discusses individual cases of children who have been subject to sexual exploitation (e.g. Slavery Exploitation Risk Assessment Conference)?¹*

Yes

o *If yes:*

§ *Please provide the name(s) of the group(s)*

- CP Conference/ Contextual Safeguarding Conference
- Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE)
- Strategy Meetings

§ *Does it focus specifically on sexual exploitation or on exploitation or other forms of harm more broadly?*

- CP Conference and Strategy Meetings look at all forms of harm as well as exploitation
- Contextual Safeguarding Conference and Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE) look at all forms of exploitation

§ *What happens when a child subject to multi-agency case management in relation to sexual exploitation turns 18?*

MACE panels cover up to age 25, however it is noted that there is a lack of intervention available post 18.

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o *If yes:*

§ *Please provide the name(s) of the group(s)*

§ *Does it focus specifically on sexual exploitation or on exploitation or other forms of harm more broadly?*

§ *Which agencies are involved?*

Not in Adult Social Care.

• *Do you commission a service to support women who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry?*

• *If yes:*

o *How much funding is provided?*

o *Is this funded via a particular funding stream?*

o *Is the funding specifically for support for those who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or who are involved in the sex industry, or is this part of a wider service (e.g. a sexual assault service that also supports those who have experienced sexual exploitation)?*

No services are presently commissioned

Explanatory note 1: Multi-agency forum could refer to a panel, hub, co-located teams etc. that brings together partner agencies to share information and coordinate responses to children or adults at risk. The equivalent in domestic abuse would be MARAC. We are interested in panels, hubs etc. that discuss a wider range of cases than just sexual exploitation, provided it would be a suitable forum for sexual exploitation to be discussed.

Explanatory note 2: Examples of measures might include, but are not limited to, keeping young adults on the caseload up to a certain age; referring cases to an adult panel; referring to specialist adult services.