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Dear Colleagues

Re: New Dedicated Child Exploitation Workspace in Liquid Logic

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to a break over the holiday period towards the end of the month.

I am writing to confirm that from the 11th of January 2021 there will be a new workspace within Liquid Logic focussing on child exploitation.

The new child exploitation workspace will include an updated and refreshed child exploitation screening tool. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the new screening tool as the format has changed and now incorporates some additional questions relating to the identification of criminal exploitation in addition to child sexual exploitation. Please review the accompanying guidance note which is attached and designed to support the completion of this task. Once the new screening tool is completed on Liquid Logic it will be sent to your manager for oversight and approval before being forwarded to the central Child Exploitation Team where it will be reviewed and finalised.

The Liquid Logic child exploitation workspace will allow you to record and save documents about exploitation. A 'one page' review template is included as part of the workspace. This will need to be completed whenever there are significant events for the child, at three monthly intervals as well as prior to completing a period of support and intervention, whichever is the soonest. As with the screening tool, the review template will be forwarded onto the central Child Exploitation Team to be reviewed and finalised.

These changes provide increased oversight with children at risk of child sexual and criminal exploitation, including incidences of 'county lines', trafficking and modern slavery, and will help to ensure that intervention and support is purposeful, has a positive impact and leads to improved outcomes for children and young people.

In addition to the above, a web report has also been developed to provide a consistent way to scrutinise details of relevant children and young people. This will enable us to drill down and report data about individual children and young people as well as having the ability to identify common themes and issues across the Gloucestershire County and within specific Locality areas.

The Liquid Logic developments and the Web reports will allow us to capture key information to support improved analysis and evaluation which will help us take a more evidence informed approach. This will be particularly beneficial when we want to identify 'hot spots', disrupt perpetrators or when we want to identify vulnerable children and young people with particular characteristics. The data will also feed into the emerging Gloucestershire Child Exploitation Profile. The first draft of the profile is being developed to help analyse and evaluate available information about victims, offender, locations and themes (e.g. 'VOLT')

To support the implementation and use of the Liquid Logic work space please find attached:

- Revised screening tool which is the same as the version within the new work space
- Guidance notes to help complete the new screening tool
- Step by step guidance about the use of the new Liquid Logic workspace
- Example of a web report data spreadsheet

To support the launch of the new child exploitation workspace there will be introductory webinars on the 22nd of December and on the 8th of January 2021. These will be hosted by Jane Price our Child Exploitation Co-ordinator and supported by colleagues from the ICT Team and the Data Analytical Team.

Please look out for the invitation to join the webinars so you can learn about the new Liquid Logic functionality. To further support the social work practice, the Exploitation Team will also be offering to meet with Locality Teams throughout the month of January 2021 to ensure that all members of staff are fully informed. These sessions will provide an opportunity to address any questions or queries you may have.

Thank you for all the hard work and commitment you continue to show for the children and young people in Gloucestershire – it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards



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