



**Strategic MSET Group
(Missing, Slavery, Exploited, Trafficked)**

Terms of Reference

The Strategic MSET Group is a joint group between North Tyneside Safeguarding Children's Board, North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board and North Tyneside Community Safety Partnership.

Purpose

The aspiration is to develop a strategic overview of exploitation, supporting a proactive partnership where those at risk are identified and safeguarded, and offenders are disrupted and prosecuted.

MSET will incorporate a number of areas of vulnerability:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE);
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE);
- Missing from home;
- Modern Slavery and Trafficking.

The joint Strategic MSET Group will take a lead role in overseeing the implementation of a strategic action plan to address all forms of exploitation across North Tyneside; to include those outlined above.

Further to oversight of the MSET Panel and Operational Leads Group, the Strategic MSET Group will have oversight of the North Tyneside Council Adolescent Service which incorporates the aforementioned areas of vulnerability via the auspices of Contextual Safeguarding Theory.

Aims

The Strategic MSET Group exists to contribute to the safeguarding of children and young people in North Tyneside through co-ordinating & overseeing the partnership response to exploitation by:

- i. To meet legislative requirements, government guidance and implement recognised best practice to improve the safety and outcomes for children who are at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE), child criminal exploitation (CCE), children who go missing, those that are trafficked and victims of modern-day slavery;

- ii. Oversee NTCs proactive and preventative approach to preventing exploitation;
- iii. To have assurances that there is effective information sharing across the partnership;
- iv. To have assurances that there is multi-agency training across the partnership;
- v. Have a clear understanding of the prevalence of child exploitation within North Tyneside;
- vi. To support the wider multi-agency partnership in its duty to safeguard children and young people from harm, including harm caused by CSE, CCE, trafficking, modern slavery, and from going missing, in accordance with the policies, procedures and guidance of the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership;
- vii. We will seek to prevent children from being harmed by CCE and reduce the number of children who go missing in the borough, protect those who have been harmed, disrupt and prosecute offenders who have harmed/present a risk of harm to them and ensure that partners are effectively contributing towards each element of that strategy;
- viii. Improve awareness, reporting and safeguarding of victims of CSE, CCE, missing and trafficked children in North Tyneside and to bring perpetrators to justice;
- ix. Monitor the effectiveness of services and procedures in this area, across the partnership, ensuring that these are managed in line with statutory guidance;
- x. Maintain both a strategic and operational view of progress and impact of local arrangements in relation to missing children and for those looked after children placed out of borough;
- xi. Gather, scrutinise and analyse performance management information relating to the issues and set out improvements in outcomes for children, progress on implementation of the strategy and any identified risks and challenges.

The group members are responsible for driving forward performance, as well as disseminating the learning and action plans within their own organisation. They will promote the MSET and Adolescent Service principles and procedures are embedded in day to day practice.

Strategic MSET Group Membership

Core membership of the Strategic MSET Group will include senior managers / decision makers within the following disciplines:

Northumbria Police (Chair)	Detective Inspector (Safeguarding Strategic Support), Lynne Colledge
Children's Services NTC	Assistant Director, Julie Firth
NTSCP Board	NTSCP Business Manager, Sue Burns
Senior Manager, Social Work Practice NTC	Senior Manager Children's Safeguarding and Front Door, Vicky McLeod
Health (CCG)	Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, Jan Hemmingway
Adults Social Care NTC	Assistant Director Business and Quality Assurance, Ellie Anderson
Educations Safeguarding	TBC
Community Safety	Senior Manager, Technical & Regulatory Services, Colin MacDonald
MSET Operational Chair	Sergeant Missing from Home Coordinator, Sharron Brennan
Youth Justice Service Senior Manager	Service Manager, Pete Xeros

The above role holders are core group members however, the group may co-opt additional representatives where appropriate to attend including but not limited to: -

- Licensing and Regulatory Services
- UK Border Agency

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Quoracy of the Strategic MSET Group shall be defined as members from three statutory agencies unless otherwise agreed by the Chair.

Frequency of the meetings

Quarterly meetings for 2 hours and additional extraordinary meetings as agreed and when necessary.

Chairing Arrangements

In the absence of the Chair at any committee meeting, the committee will nominate a deputy-Chair for the purpose of that meeting only. This nomination will be selected from the Strategic MSET Group members.

The Strategic MSET Group Chair will:

- Chair the meeting;
- Arrange the minutes of the meetings;
- Propose a draft and confirmed agenda for each meeting;
- Allocate actions and review at each meeting;
- Will provide minutes of previous meetings and arrange the dissemination of information and appropriate attachments to members in a timely manner;
- Raise any concerns/issues raised from the Strategic MSET Group to the Operational Leads Group.

Performance and Accountability

The Strategic MSET Group will report directly to the NTSCP Executive Group.

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By: Rachael Dover, Improvement Officer

