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Background

- Two separate national cases referred for Serious Case Review following stabbing/shooting resulting in deaths.
- Both young people were known to agencies prior to incidents.
- Both known to more than one Police Force prior to incident.
- Both living with Grandparent at time of incident and had suffered bereavement of parents.

Partnership Concerns

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- Average of 3 threats/notable concern for safety raised to agencies with limited multi-agency safety plan responses.
- Known incident around possession/selling of drugs and following this, known drug debt.
- 4 incidents known to agencies where child was either found with weapon, intelligence to suggest association with weapon and/or social media linked to association with weapon
- Evidence of internal trafficking but no referral made to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM).
- Exclusion from school and S.E.N needs

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Implementing Change

- Professionals to read and cascade this briefing across their teams.
- To feed the learning from the briefing into the Partnership's contextual safeguarding review.

Recommendations

- Recognise and identify children at risk or experiencing CCE.
- Ensure children who are at risk or experiencing CCE are safeguarded, including family members.
- Challenge or escalate safeguarding concerns if you do not agree with assessment of risk.
- Ensure multi-agency working and effective information sharing.
- Utilise moments to hear the child's voice.
- Ensure through multi-agency working, that the child is given support through trusted relationships.
- Utilise police disruption options.
- Ensure effective responses to critical moments.
- Challenge bias (unconscious or otherwise) amongst professionals.

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National Reviews: Exploitation, county lines, threats and weapons

The Findings

- CCE risks were not identified at key points of the child's journey by partners.
- Parents needed engagement and support to better protect and understand their children.
- Trusted relationships weren't evident in contacts with Police.
- Multi-agency responses didn't focus enough on disruption of perpetrators.
- NRM wasn't effectively used or understood by the partnerships.
- Intelligence was available but not acted on that indicated criminal exploitation-weapon on person/social media profile/drug debts.

The Incident

- Chris: Was shot by a moving vehicle whilst with a group of peers. It is not known whether he was the intended target of the bullet.
- Child C: Was knocked from a stolen moped and stabbed, resulting in his death

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The Review

- Both cases were referred through for Serious Case Reviews and met the criteria.
- They were felt to have been at risk of CCE (Criminal Exploitation).
- Children's Safeguarding Panel published findings in March 2020
- The SCR findings were aligned with a national review of CCE.
- The review was felt to have significant learning for Oldham's partnership given recent cases.
- A more in depth outline of the issues highlighted, including key reports is available here: [VKPP Exploitation SCR Spotlight Briefing.pdf](#)

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