#LookCloser

Police programme of learning 20 to 23 February 2023

Hi!

The Children's Society Prevention programme is inviting all staff working within law enforcement to join us for our #LookCloser programme of learning. Alongside these sessions for law enforcement professionals only we encourage you to attend our wider programme of learning the following week where possible.

All sessions are free of charge and delivered live via Microsoft Teams. The timetable below has links to the Eventbrite booking pages for each event. There are limited spaces for each sessions, so please sign up at your earliest opportunity to guarantee your place. Feel free to join as many of these sessions as you like throughout the week.

Our sessions are aimed at frontline policing officers and staff, and we particularly encourage you to share the programme with teams that could be in a position to identify, support, or respond to children subjected to exploitation. That might include call centre staff, neighbourhood and community policing teams, exploitation teams, missing teams, and county lines task forces.

Contact The Children's Society's Prevention team at **prevention@childrenssociety.org.uk** with any questions.

Tuesday 21 February, 10am to 12pm:

Breaking the cycle: a more effective response to child exploitation and abuse

Thursday 23 February, 1pm to 3pm:

Protecting all young people: why equity and inclusion are essential in our fight against child exploitation and abuse

Session descriptions:

Breaking the cycle: a more effective response to child exploitation and abuse

To break the cycle of exploitation and abuse, we need to target those ultimately responsible. By using creative approaches and making the most of the available legilsation, we can make sure perpetrators receive appropriate sentences for their crimes, while also helping to prevent them from targeting children and young people in the future.

This session is aimed at police officers, particularly responding officers and those who regularly have contact with young people in their role. In this session, we will:

- explore creative uses of available legislation, including civil orders

- consider whether current approaches such as focusing on drug possession and supply charges are the most effective

- discuss a multi-agency approach to disruption

- consider how positive interactions with exploited young people can both help safeguard them and lead to more successful investigations

- consider how being an effective first responder within the national referral mechanism can complement police investigations

- consider good practice in responding to exploited young people as they move into adulthood

- consider real life stories and good practice recommendations arising from these.

Protecting all young people: why equity and inclusion are essential in our fight against child exploitation and abuse

While we have made real progress in the fight against child exploitation and abuse, we are still not protecting every child. By taking a proactive approach to equity and inclusion and making sure we focus on preventing child exploitation as a whole, we can better reach and protect all young victims and make sure they get the right support from officers.

In this session, we will:

- consider the experiences of black young people and those from minoritised communities and how investing in trust building and developing anti-racist practice can improve our ability to prevent and disrupt exploitation and abuse

- discuss the gaps in recognising and protecting girls who experience criminal exploitation and boys experiencing sexual abuse and how to address these

- consider how to become more inclusive of transgender and non-binary young people, and effective approaches to engaging young people who are neurodiverse

- explore the importance of recognising victimhood in older children and young adults

- demonstrate the value of equity and inclusion in the fight against child exploitation and abuse, and the importance of taking a person-centred approach to every young person.

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