



**Hull
Safeguarding
Children
Partnership**

What is a Line of Sight (LOS)?



The LOS process is a core function of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP).

The process provides learning opportunities across the partnership to strengthen multi-agency working and focuses on improving outcomes for children and young people.

The process identifies specific learning themes through audit and multi-agency analysis. Learning is implemented across the partnership to improve practice across the safeguarding system



Context of the Rapid Review

- The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership made a serious incident notification to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel which initiated a Rapid Review.
- The context of the review was in relation to a young person who was sustained serious injuries following an incident with another young person whereby a weapon was used to inflict injuries.
- Additional factors within the review included adverse childhood experiences and trauma, missing children and child exploitation.

Scope of the Review?

- The scope of the Line of Sight considered multi-agency involvement to identify learning across the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership and whether learning from this can help to shape future outcomes for children and young people.
- The review explored whether there were opportunities for earlier intervention and how as a partnership we are working together to reduce and respond to missing episodes, child exploitation, serious youth violence, violence against women and girls and knife crime.

Key Learning Themes

Effective multi-agency response to children who are missing

Ensuring effective multi-agency emotional wellbeing support is available for children

Serious youth violence, including Violence Against Women and Girls



Effective multi-agency response to children who are missing

There is a need to ensure that there is a universally understood, and consistently applied, multi-agency response to supporting children who are missing or at risk of missing episodes. This includes all agencies being aware of a clear approach for notifications, individual agency responsibilities, and the subsequent actions required when a child is missing for extended periods of time.

There will be a strengthened focus on ensuring effective and timely multi-agency sharing of information, and that co-ordinated joint planning takes place, when a child is missing from home or from education. This will include ensuring that the Philomena Protocol Missing Person Action Plan and safety plans (including actions and decisions made during strategy discussions) for individual children are universally shared with all relevant agencies in a timely manner and that these are reflected on individual agency records. Education colleagues are intrinsic to developing safety planning for children and ensuring that these are impactful. Education colleagues need to be included in all relevant discussions.



Multi-Agency Response to Missing Children – Current Activity and Developments in Hull

Daily Coordination and Information Sharing: Daily Missing Meetings are held between the Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) team and Humberside Police, this includes out of hours. Outcomes and intelligence from these meetings are uploaded directly to Children’s Social Care (CSC) records to ensure timely and informed decision-making.

Support for Missing Children: Missing Return Interviews (MRIs) are offered to every child who goes missing, in line with statutory guidance. These interviews are crucial for understanding push/pull factors, identifying risks, and informing safety planning.

Missing Philomena Protocol: Philomena Forms are in place for children at risk of going missing. It is essential that these forms are accurate and regularly updated to support swift and informed responses by police and professionals when a child is reported missing.

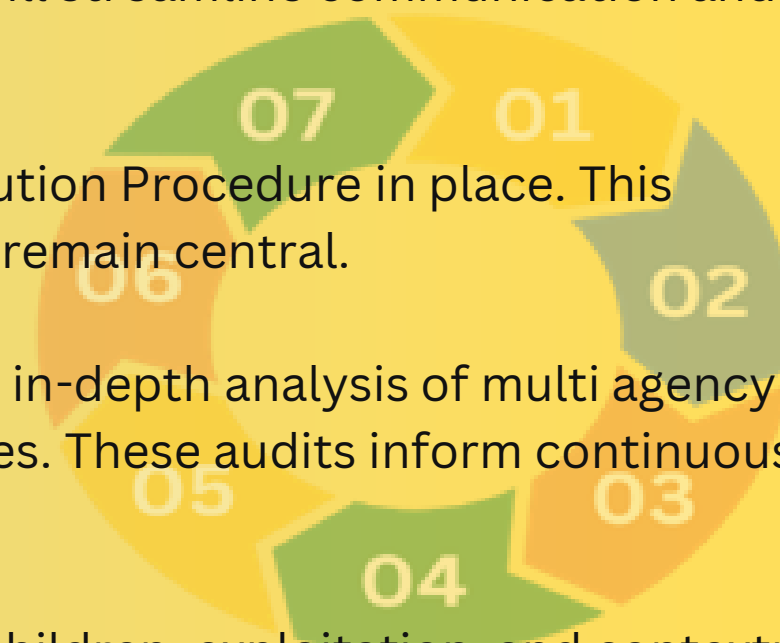
Escalation and Strategy Discussions: A multi-agency threshold is in place to initiate a strategy discussion when a child has three or more missing episodes. This ensures a coordinated safeguarding response and consideration of wider exploitation risks.

Health Sector Involvement: Humber Health Partnership is developing a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for missing children. This will streamline communication and ensure that children are registered on relevant health systems, improving continuity of care and safeguarding oversight.

Professional Challenge and Oversight: The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has a Professional Challenge and Resolution Procedure in place. This supports constructive escalation and resolution of concerns where there is professional disagreement, ensuring the child’s needs remain central.

Audit and Quality Assurance: Focused multi-agency audits have been conducted across the HSCP in relation to MAYVE to provide in-depth analysis of multi agency risk management and safety planning. HSCP audit activity in 2026 will focus on missing episodes and the effectiveness of responses. These audits inform continuous improvement and highlight areas for development.

Training and Workforce Development: HSCP training is available to all partner agencies, including: In-person sessions on missing children, exploitation, and contextual safeguarding. eLearning modules to support flexible access to core safeguarding knowledge.



Ensuring effective multi-agency emotional wellbeing support is available for children

There is a need for a clear pathway across for young people to access support for their emotional wellbeing when they have experienced trauma, including therapeutic support. This will include considering how educational psychologists can be most effectively utilised within the education system when young people experience trauma and adversity, including placement changes. Consideration will also be given to current enablers for adoptive families to fully understand childhood trauma and support for young people, including agency support when this involves cross-border involvement with neighbouring authorities.



What have we done? What does this mean for practice in Hull?

THRIVE Framework in Hull – Summary

Hull has adopted the national THRIVE Framework to map and coordinate the city's emotional and mental health support for children and young people. This is outlined in a comprehensive directory of services, ensuring clarity and accessibility for families and professionals.

Whole School Approach (WSA)

- A key element of Hull's THRIVE implementation, focusing on prevention and early intervention.
- Promotes a coordinated, evidence-based approach to mental health in schools and colleges.
- Aims to improve emotional wellbeing, learning outcomes, and student engagement.
- Mental health is now seen as a whole-school responsibility, similar to safeguarding.

Youth Involvement

- Young people in Hull have co-produced "What to Expect" videos, which visually explain what mental health support looks like.
- These tools help reduce anxiety and improve understanding of interventions.



Serious Youth Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls

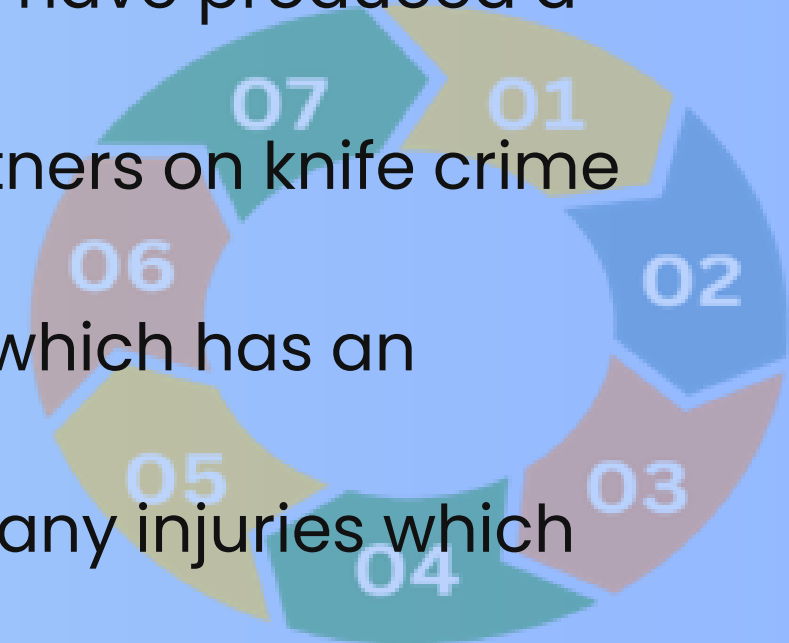
Collaboration across the partnerships is essential in supporting those at risk of serious youth violence (including knife crime), ensuring all relevant agencies have an awareness of pathways, community-based support, education and diversionary activity. Responses and acknowledgement of childhood trauma, and adverse childhood experiences, will continue to be considered throughout all work undertaken by all agencies. It is recognised that having consistent allocated professionals for young people is a strength in supporting the development of trusting relationships and effective care planning.

There is evident commitment across the Hull partnerships to collectively tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) which will continue to be strengthened in terms of awareness raising and decisive action being taken by all relevant statutory and voluntary sector organisations.



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- VAWG conference delivered across the partnership which included voice and influence from lived experience, which highlights ongoing awareness raising across the partnership.
- VAWG multi agency subgroup in place with a delivery plan which reports into the Community Safety Partnership board and serious youth violence duty.
- Domestic Abuse Strategy in place across the partnership which outlines commitments and reports into the Domestic Abuse Strategy Board. Supporting victims implementation group established as a priority within the DA strategy.
- HSCP are represented at the DA champions network meeting and involved in the planning and deliver of activities during White Ribbon.
- HSCP involved in voice and influence which captures youth voices, young parliament have produced a manifesto on 'girls safety' and raising awareness through art campaigns.
- Learning and development have developed a virtual reality training package for partners on knife crime and contextual safeguarding.
- Multiagency Youth Violence and Exploitation meetings occur across the partnership which has an additional focus on high risk youth violence and contextual safeguarding.
- ED navigators are in place in the hospitals to identify and coordinate intervention for any injuries which relate to violence/ contextual risks.



GOOD PRACTICE IDENTIFIED



The Voice of Child

Seeking Children's voices



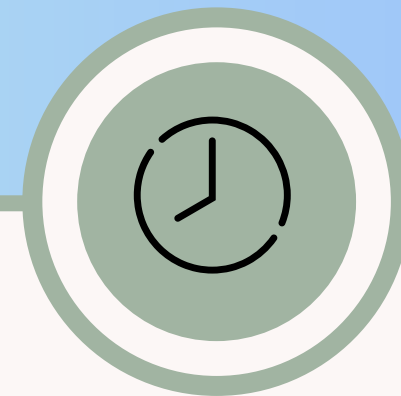
Relationships

Evidence of good working relationship with the child



Alternative education

Alternative education provision sought via the virtual school.



Referrals

Timely Referral into the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub



What Three Words

quick response and location from emergency services



Links and Resources



[Multi-agency responses to serious youth violence: working together to support and protect children - GOV.UK](#)

[Serious Youth Violence Archives - Youth Justice Resource Hub](#)

[Contextual Safeguarding Strategy 2023 – 2026](#)

[Contextual Safeguarding – Hull Collaborative Partnership](#)

[Criminal exploitation and gangs | NSPCC](#)

[Not In Our Community](#)

[Child Criminal Exploitation- HSCP Policy](#)

[Children Missing from Care, Home and Education- HSCP Policy](#)

[Training Courses – Learning and Development](#)

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/violence-against-women-and-girls-in-2025/>

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/safeguarding/safer-hull>

<https://www.howareyoufeeling.org.uk/about-thrive-hull>