

# Findings from the All-Age Exploitation Audit

## 1. What Happened?

The LSCP & SAB brought together a range of agencies to take part in a multi-agency thematic practice audit. 20 cases were selected representing a mix of ages, gender, ethnicity, disability and types of exploitation.

The audit looked at the multi-agency response to 8 adults and 12 children for whom there were exploitation concerns. These people, along with parents/carers, were given the opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences of services. The audit tool was designed to look at the following areas;

- Identification and Screening
- Responding to individual difference/diversity
- The individual's voice
- Early intervention/early help
- MAACE meetings & multi-agency working
- Strength-based practice and Information sharing
- Transitions
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Disruption and Investigation
- Trauma-informed practice
- Supervision and challenge

## 2. Key Findings

Agencies need to complete the screening tool prior to making a referral

Stereotypes were applied to individuals, and there was variable practice in considering individual differences and tailoring interventions accordingly. More consideration should be given to developing a coordinated multi-agency response and an identified lead professional to co-ordinate information sharing.

Very little evidence of timely early help or early intervention

Some professionals are beginning to think about context, as opposed to focusing on what is happening within families, however further work needs to be done around contextual safeguarding. Little evidence that professionals understand trauma-bonding or are able to practice in a trauma-informed way.

FIB forms are only submitted some of the time

There is a lack of reflective challenge in records

Individuals and their parents/carers require accessible information to help them to understand their rights and the purpose of interventions and processes e.g. MAACE meetings

## 4. Resources

[All age exploitation procedures](#)

[All Age Screening Tool & Guide](#)

[FIB form and presentation](#)

[Language matters guide](#)

[Solihull resources to raise awareness of Exploitation, for children/ young people/ adults, parents and carers, and businesses](#)

[What makes a good early help response to exploitation](#)

[Trauma informed training](#)

[The Contextual Safeguarding Network](#)

[All Age Exploitation awareness training](#)

## 3. What does this mean for me?

- Familiarise yourself with the all-age exploitation procedures
- Attend the All-Age Exploitation Awareness training
- Think about what you can do to raise awareness of exploitation across Solihull using the resources available
- Take time to read the screening tool guidance so you will be confident in using the tool and identify any trigger points in your organisation where it would be good to consider screening if behaviour change is noticed
- Familiarise yourself with the FIB presentation so that you can take responsibility for completing FIB forms
- Consider whether you can do more to let families know where to get early help

