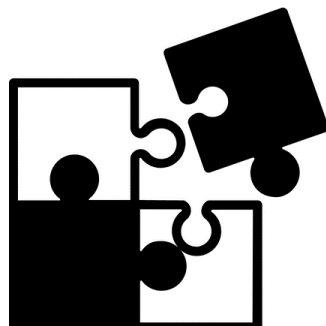
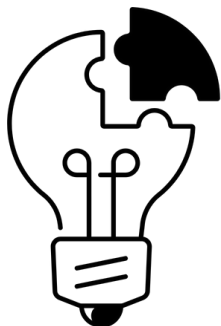
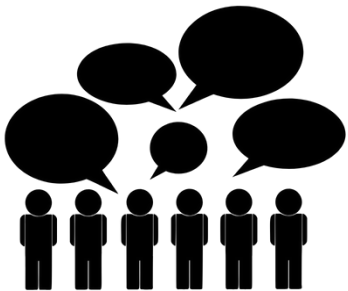


# All Age Exploitation

In March 2024, a multi-agency audit around the theme of All-Age Exploitation was undertaken and involved key partner agencies from across the partnership. The audit group considered 5 young people as part of this themed deep dive audit. The 5 young people were aged between 16-18 and were all female. The SSAB have also undertaken an audit on the same theme looking at 5 adults.

## Good Practice

- The audit demonstrated good practice in relation to exploitation workers who are building positive relationships with the young people.
- There was clear evidence of Solar crisis teams going above and beyond to support young people and show consistency in workers despite the nature of the service.
- The level of knowledge around trauma informed practice has improved across the multi-agency workforce, the next steps are to build a better understanding of the impact this can have on a young person.



## The audit findings remind us to:

- Use appropriate language when referring to victims of exploitation acknowledging that these children are being abused and are not 'putting themselves at risk'.
- Ensure there is a better understanding of young people with additional needs and their vulnerabilities in the context of exploitation.
- Ensure MAACE meetings are having an impact in safeguarding young people being exploited.
- Ensure assessments are contextually informed and consideration of peer networks, neighbourhoods and online harms amongst other things are explored.
- Ensure partner agencies are aware and understand police powers and procedures in relation to disruption and ensure this is robust.
- Consider and offer advocacy for both adults and children.