

## Learning Lessons Briefing published following exploitation review Released: Friday 7 July 2023

A Learning Lessons Briefing has today been published by Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together to share key findings from a recent review of child exploitation services.

Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together introduced a new approach to responding to exploitation in 2019.

Richard Fisher, Chair of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together Executive Board, said: "We changed our approach in 2019 to ensure we were appropriately responding to exploitation in its widest sense, and not just child sexual but criminal and all forms of exploitation.

"Consequently, the increased awareness and understanding resulting from a significant investment in training for practitioners across the system has led to a marked increase in the numbers of cases being identified.

"Locally, there has also been a drive to develop a detailed and comprehensive problem profile of exploitation, that provides practitioners with a more complete picture of the exploitation landscape in Wolverhampton."

The Learning Lessons Briefing has been published on the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together website. For more information, please visit www.wolverhamptonsafeguarding.org.uk/publications-and-resources.

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## Note to editors:

1/ Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together Board provides strategic leadership for safeguarding work to ensure there is a consistently high standard of professional

response to situations where there is actual or suspected harm. For more information, please visit <a href="www.wolverhamptonsafeguarding.org.uk">www.wolverhamptonsafeguarding.org.uk</a>.