

DISRUPTING GROOMING GANGS AND ENDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION THROUGH A 'WHOLE-SYSTEM' APPROACH

Online Live Webinar

Thursday 24th April 2025



Key Speakers

**HYDRANT
PROGRAMME**

Supporting child protection
and abuse investigation

Phil Ashford



Simon Bailey CBE



Det. Supt. Andy Farrell



Every Child Protected Against Trafficking

Patricia Durr



Kate Ellis



Sheila Taylor

Overview

Child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) is a deeply complex issue, with many children and young people falling victim to grooming, coercion and control. The National Police Chiefs' Council estimated that of the 115,000 child sexual abuse offences recorded by police in 2023, approximately 4,000 involved multiple perpetrators. Among these, around 1,100 cases involved abuse within families, over 300 occurred in institutions, and 717 were linked to group or gang-related child sexual exploitation, as identified by the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce. Disturbingly, the vast majority of abuse remains unreported or unaddressed.

In January, the Home Secretary reaffirmed the government's commitment to tackling this horrific crime by announcing a £10m action plan targeting grooming gangs and CSAE. Simultaneously, the government launched a rapid national audit, led by Baroness Louise Casey, to assess the nature and scale of group-based offending in the UK. This audit aims to inform future policy decisions and advance the recommendations of the final *Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)* report. While increased funding and initiatives are welcome, tackling CSAE effectively requires a whole-system approach underpinned by a consistent, multi-agency response.

This timely Policy Foresight online live conference offers a vital opportunity for key stakeholders—including local authorities, police, health, housing, social care, criminal justice, education, and the third sector—to examine the findings of Baroness Louise Casey's *Rapid Audit into Grooming Gangs* and the implementation timeline for the *IICSA report* recommendations. Participants will hear from leading experts and policymakers, explore innovative best practices, and collaborate on strategies to strengthen early intervention and enhance multi-agency partnerships to better protect vulnerable young people from sexual abuse and exploitation.

Why Attend?

- Live webinar featuring presentations and panel discussions with a wide range of policymakers, experts and key officials
- Interactive *Question Time* sessions with opportunities to engage with all speakers
- Understand the scale and nature of CSAE – Examine emerging threats, online exploitation, and the intersection of CSAE with other forms of harm
- Examine the findings from Baroness Louise Casey's *Rapid Audit into Grooming Gangs* and receive the latest updates on the implementation of the *IICSA* report recommendations
- Analyse the impact of the *Crime and Policing Bill* proposals, including the introduction of the *Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Offence* and *CCE Prevention Orders* on both victims and perpetrators of multi-exploitation
- Learn best practice from experts working to safeguard and support victims of CSAE and bring perpetrators to justice
- Explore how to embed a 'whole-system' approach in every area through improved local multi-agency collaboration
- Share ideas with fellow participants from local authorities, education, social care, the police, housing, health, criminal justice, third sector and other key statutory agencies
- On demand – Exclusive access to speaker presentations and post-event resources

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09:30 AM	Delegate Online Login
10:00 AM	Introduction by Webinar Organiser
10:05 AM	<p>Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Scott, <i>Managing Director, TONIC</i>
10:10 AM	<p>Keynote Address:</p> <p>Understanding the National Picture of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding the true nature and scale of child sexual abuse and exploitation ➤ Current challenges and trends – Analysing the link between child criminal exploitation and sexual exploitation ➤ Exploring the findings from Baroness Louise Casey's <i>Rapid Audit into Grooming Gangs in the UK</i> ➤ Examine the latest updates on the implementation of the recommendations from the <i>Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) report</i> and the potential impact on frontline responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Bailey CBE, <i>Former Chief Constable, Norfolk Constabulary; Chair, International Policing and Public Protection Research Institute (IPPPRI), Anglia Ruskin University</i>
10:30 AM	Keynote Session: Questions and Discussion
10:50 AM	Comfort Break
11:00 AM	<p>Panel Session One:</p> <p>Driving Prevention through Early Identification and Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Upskilling staff to understand how to spot the signs of child sexual exploitation including the use of gifts, coercion, intimidation or violence ➤ Exploring the growing role of technology in facilitating exploitation, including AI, indecent image abuse and its connection to offline harm ➤ Embedding tailored, trauma-informed support for vulnerable young people with a focus from marginalised and minoritised communities ➤ Implementing a whole-school approach to proactively safeguard pupils from exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Alldis, <i>National Programme Manager – Disrupting Exploitation, The Children's Society</i> • Sheila Taylor MBE, <i>Chief Executive, NWG Exploitation Network</i> • Chris Hughes, <i>Hotline Manager, Internet Watch Foundation (invited)</i>
11:50 PM	Panel Session One: Questions and Discussion
12:20 PM	Comfort Break

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1:00 PM	<p>Panel Session Two: Breaking Silos – Embedding a ‘Whole-System’ Approach to Disrupt Abuse and Safeguard Victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Driving multi-agency collaboration between the police, local authorities, social care, education, health, housing, and the third sector to deliver a ‘whole-system’ response for victims ➤ Reducing barriers to partnership working and data-sharing between the police and key partners to build a clearer picture of local abuse and improve intervention strategies ➤ Enhancing local reporting procedures and accountability mechanisms to ensure victims receive the support and protection they need ➤ Utilising the <i>Clear, Hold, Build</i> framework to disrupt exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detective Superintendent Andy Farrell, <i>Programme Lead - Clear, Hold, Build (CHB, National Police Chiefs’ Council)</i> • Andy Turvey, <i>Exploitation Manager, Sandwell Children's Trust</i> • Senior Representative, Barnardo’s
1:50 PM	<p>Panel Session Two: Questions and Discussion</p>
2:15 PM	<p>Comfort Break</p>
2:30 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Pursuing Offenders and Delivering Justice for Victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exploring the role of the <i>Hydrant Programme</i> in enhancing the police response and targeting of perpetrators of CSAE ➤ Embedding <i>Operation Makesafe</i> in every area – Strengthening partnerships with local hotels, shops, and taxi companies to raise awareness and disrupt CSAE cases ➤ Delivering comprehensive support for victims throughout the criminal justice process to improve outcomes and encourage reporting ➤ Evaluating the impact of the <i>Crime and Policing Bill</i> proposals, including the introduction of the <i>Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Offence</i> and <i>CCE Prevention Orders</i>, on both victims and perpetrators of multi-exploitation ➤ Establishing new frameworks for victim-centred, locally-led inquiries, particularly in areas with historic and unresolved exploitation cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Ashford, <i>National CSE Development Coordinator, Hydrant Programme & the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce, National Police Chiefs' Council</i> • Patricia Durr, <i>Chief Executive, ECPAT</i> • Kate Ellis, <i>Solicitor, Centre for Women’s Justice</i> • Emma Lane, <i>Children Abused Through Exploitation (CATE) Team, Telford and Wrekin Council</i>
3:20 PM	<p>Panel Session Three: Questions and Discussion</p>
3:40 PM	<p>Final Questions and Chair's Summary & Closing Comments</p>
3:45 PM	<p>End of Online Seminar</p>

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