

SAFE Quarterly Report Headline Summary

Capacity and Recruitment: 123 referrals have been received by the SAFE team since its inception. 42 from Peterborough, 30 from Cambridge City and South Cambs, 28 from Fenland and East Cambs, 23 from Huntingdonshire (seven of which are from Huntingdon Town). 84 referrals were accepted and 39 rejected. At the end of Quarter 2 2020 67 young people were subject to SAFE team intervention, significantly more than the originally intended maximum capacity of 40. The resulting caseload is an average of 10.5 per worker. A 0.6 FTE Clinical Psychologist commenced in post at the beginning of September.

Caseload demographics: Approximately 80% of cases are assessed as high risk. The current SAFE team caseload is 89.6% male and 10.4% female. The ethnicity of all referrals received since inception of the project is:

61.5% White British	0.8% White European	3.3% Mixed Other
4.1% Dual Black/White Caribbean/British	4.1% Black British	0.8% Black African
2.5% Asian British	3.3% Asian Other	1.6% British Other
1.6% British Other	4.1% White Other	0.8% Not known/not disclosed

Black children and those of mixed/multiple ethnic groups are significantly over-represented. It is suspected that Eastern European children are also over-represented, though data recording issues means this cannot be confirmed. Asian children are not over-represented.

Feedback – The child’s voice: N.B. This is cumulative from the previous quarterly report

Question	Mean response of those in first 3 months of involvement (22 responses)	Mean response of those midway through involvement (13 responses)	Mean response of those whose involvement has or is about to end (4 responses)
How safe do you feel? (0 not at all; 10 very)	5.8	8.3	8.25
How happy and content do you feel? (0 not at all; 10 very)	5.2	7.8	9
How well supported do you feel? (0 not at all; 10 very)	5.8	9.5	9
Do you have legitimate opportunities for your future? (0 none; 10 many)	4.35	6.8	8.25

Feedback from Parents/Carers:

N.B. This is cumulative from the previous quarterly report

Question	Mean response of those in first 3 months of involvement (12 responses)	Mean response of those midway through involvement (14 responses)	Mean response of those whose involvement has or is about to end (1 response)
How safe do you feel your child is? (0 not at all; 10 very)	3.75	6.9	10
How happy and content do you feel your child is? (0 not at all; 10 very)	3.9	6.6	10
How well supported do you feel your family is? (0 not at all; 10 very)	5.75	8.7	10
How well supported do you feel your child is? (0 not at all; 10 very)	5.75	8.6	10
Do you feel your child has legitimate opportunities for the future? (0 none; 10 many)	5.6	6.3	10

Feedback from professionals:

Feedback forms have been completed by six professionals in relation to 13 SAFE cases (15 professionals were invited to give feedback). It should be noted that the mean scores were significantly impacted by vastly outlying low scores from one respondent regarding two cases. The results of the professional feedback are as follows:

SAFE team involvement has.....	Mean response
Increased the young person's safety (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	7.8
Positively impacted the young person's happiness and contentment (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	8.2
Facilitated improvements in the young person's engagement with professionals (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	7.9
Supported improved multi-agency working (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	8.7
Increased legitimate opportunities available to the young person (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	8.2
Improved the young person's potential for positive life outcomes (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	8
Supported your professional knowledge and confidence in working with young people at risk of exploitation (0 not at all ... 10 very much)	7.7
Overall, how successful do you consider the work of the SAFE team to have been in this case (0 not at all ... 10 very)	8.5

Reduction in police investigations, missing incidents, arrests and imprisonment:

It should be noted that when interpreting data the 'prior' period covers the year prior to the individuals commencement with the SAFE team, whereas the 'during' column details a shorter time period during which the young person has been engaged with the SAFE team. The mean time period of involvement is eight months.

Measure	Percentage reduction
Investigations – Child Protection/101 received	78%
Investigations - Suspect	82%
Investigations - Victim	75%
Investigations - Witness	84%
Missing records	67%
Custody records	62%

Critical success factors:

SAFE worker's ability to provide flexible support, to be available and to be non-statutory is thought to be key in engaging young people where other professionals have previously failed.

SAFE workers providing 'scaffolding' upon which to build further relationships is considered to be essential to enabling exploited young people to engage with other support agencies such as health, education and substance misuse.

It is essential that the trauma informed approach is supported by psychologists in order to ensure that the integrity is maintained and the approach implemented appropriately.

Knowledge of the team's role, remit and referral criteria is essential to ensuring the service is not overwhelmed by inappropriate requests and referrals.

SAFE staff are aware of associations within the exploited population of young people which is essential to building the knowledge of other professionals and agencies.

Is anyone better off?

Data indicates that SAFE team involvement makes a significant difference to young people's risks associated with missing episodes and involvement in criminal incidents. There is evidence of positive impact on engagement with services. Professional confidence and knowledge appears to be increased. Based upon this it can be reasonably deduced that SAFE involvement supports a reduction in the cohort's vulnerability to being exploited and promotes better life outcomes.

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