



Meeting:	Cabinet
Meeting date:	26 November 2020
Title of report:	Review of peer on peer abuse cases
Report by:	Cabinet member children and families

As a result of queries on the statement at 1.3 “No children were put or left at risk” the following explanation is provided:

Paragraph 1.3 - Appendix 1 report and in relation to Recommendation 3 from Children and Young People’s Scrutiny

The paragraph in the report finds that, based on the evidence under review, no children were put or left at risk. To clarify this - it refers to the finding that according to the records held and cases under review, advice was given including national guidance at the time and was followed as far as was possible, separation was made and the likelihood of risk was reduced. We are aware however that contact between children, including sight of perpetrators and also bullying has taken place. With all due care being put in place, inadvertent contact remains possible and the findings here do not preclude this. Even now, with every effort being made and detailed guidance being shared with schools, we cannot guarantee that contact between children might not inadvertently occur however much care is taken. This includes outside of schools.

We also acknowledge that harm has implications for social and mental health, potentially, well into adulthood. The report was written with immediate harm in mind.