

Peer on Peer Abuse

Public Health

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- Considering the evidence, peer on peer abuse could be included as part of wider considerations of harmful sexual behaviour amongst children and young people
- Linkage/crossover needs to be considered with child exploitation and child sexual exploitation
- Anecdotal evidence indicates that societal tolerance/intolerance requires wider discussion (eg “consensual rough sex”)

Prevention and Early Intervention

- PH-led Harmful Sexual Behaviour Task Group: NSPCC county-wide audit
- Consistency in approach across all settings, including taking a 'trauma-informed' approach and developing protective factors
- Support for all settings that focus on children and young people – training, information and resources
- Provide children and young people with good quality relationships and sex education
- Provide children and young people with the knowledge and skills to manage risks they face in a digital world

Actions

- Mandated relationships & sex education (RSE) and health education in schools from Sept 2020: ensuring a consistent approach across schools (primary and secondary) to all aspects of RSE, including building resilience; healthy decision-making and consent
- Continued rollout of the Solihull Parenting Programme, available free online and/or through training for residents: understanding your child/understanding the teenage brain
- Awareness-raising, through a variety of media and resources including an refresh of the “Tell Someone” West Mercia website

Actions

- Contract monitoring of Public Health commissioned services to report on local data: public health nursing, sexual health services, substance misuse services
- Data sharing and gathering evidence/intelligence with partners
- Children & Young People health & wellbeing survey, covering physical health, mental health and wellbeing, personal safety and connections to community: to be completed by summer 2020