Gwent Missing Children Team

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Who Are We?

Gwent Police

Five Local Authorities

Health Board

Five Educational Authorities

Third Sector
Why Work Together
A year in the life

April –July 2010
POLICE INCIDENTS = 31  STRATEGY MEETINGS= 6

August –Nov 2010
POLICE INCIDENTS = 36  COMPLEX NEEDS PANELS=3
  STRATEGY MEETINGS= 2  TRANSITION PANELS= 3
  SYSTEMS MEETINGS= 3  PLACED ON C.P.R.
  CORE GROUP MEETINGS= 2  ‘LOOOKED AFTER’ REVIEWS= 2
  LEGAL MEETING= 1 Entered Supported Living Placed in foster care
  Placed out of county, Underwent Child Sexual Exploitation assessment.

Dec-March 2011-
POLICE INCIDENTS = 3  COMPLEX NEEDS PANEL=1 STRATEGY
  MEETINGS= 2  SYSTEMS MEETING = 1  CORE GROUP= 1 L.A.C. REVIEW =1
  STATUTORY VISITS =5
Outcome!

Child’s behaviour becomes increasingly riskier and more deviant (life-threatening activity, using heroin, pregnancy scare, self-harm, took vodka as payment for posing for sexually explicit photos, sexually transmitted disease)

In March, she ‘disengages’ from health and education.
Frontline workers understanding

![Bar graph showing the number of groups for Hayley, Daniel, and Charlotte, with categories for Missing, Absent without authority, and No consensus.](image-url)
Our working Process

1. Child reported missing to police
2. Episode recorded on Compact
3. Risk assessment shared on Compact and SharePoint
4. Hub worker contacts stakeholders, collates information
5. Hub worker may visit family/child/care giver for additional information
6. Hub worker produces multi-agency risk assessment
7. Hub worker makes referral for independent debrief
How does this help?
Early Intervention

- Allegation of Rape
- Truanting
- Meets 23 yr. old man on net
- 4 siblings different Fathers
- Living in Poverty
- Mum Depressed
- Missed health appointment
- Shoplifting
- Dad Drug problems
- Wants baby
- Missing
- Mum new partners
Blockers

• Funding
• Resources
• IT
• Roles and responsibilities
• Differing JD’s/Pay scales/Holidays
• Continued ‘buy in’
• Filtering the messages up and down
What are the core elements?

• Top level ‘buy in’
• The right people around the table
• Partnership agreement
• The right level of commitment (funding levels)
• The right balance/skill of staff
• IT set up
• Governance
• An agreed protocol across all services
Workshop

• List things you would like to achieve for your area within the context of calibration

• What are the barriers to this

• How can we overcome these
Thank You!

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