

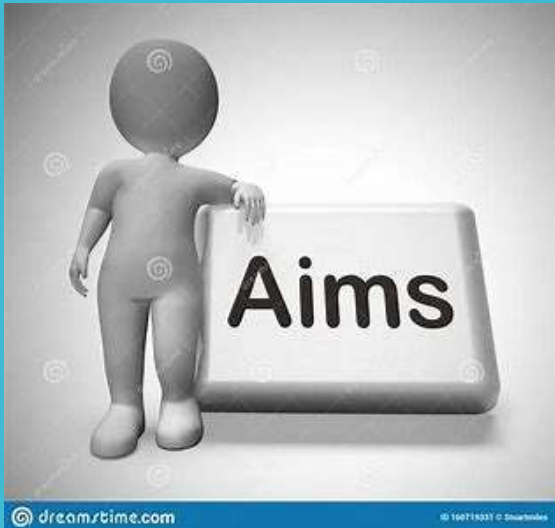
Harmful Sexual Behaviour Protocol (HSB) Webinar

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- Overview of Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Our local HSB protocol
- Key take aways and remaining core principles

Definition



- Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) is developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour which is displayed by children and young people, and which may be harmful or abusive (derived from Hackett, 2014).
- NSPCC definition (2019)- “One or more children engaging in sexual discussions or acts that are inappropriate for their age or stage of development. These can range from using sexually explicit words and phrases to full penetrative sex with other children or adults.”
- HSB encompasses a range of behaviours, which can be displayed towards other children, peers or adults. HSB is harmful both to the children and young people who display it, the people it is directed towards and those who maybe indirectly impacted by it. This could include harm involving contact or non-contact.

Types of HSB behaviour



- Technology assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour (TA- HSB)
- Sexual abuse
- Child sibling HSB (SSA Sibling sexual abuse)
- Peer on peer abuse/ child on child abuse.
- Child criminal (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- *Consider the context of child and adolescent development.*

New changes
to the HSB
protocol

PREVENTION
is key 

Culture

Identification and
action.

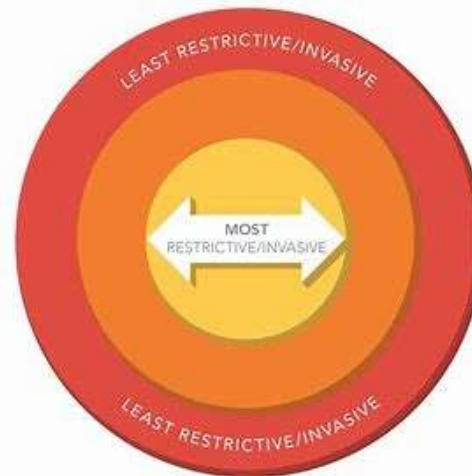
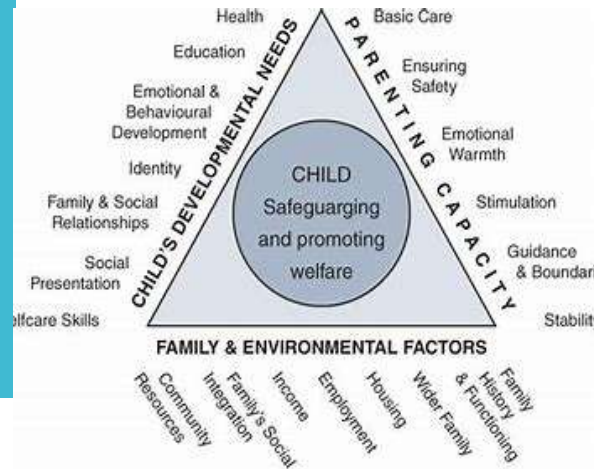
Everyone has a role
to play.



New changes to the HSB protocol



- Consider age, development, risk and need.
- Least intrusion intervention
- Consider potential factors influencing the behaviour (including trauma.)
- Flexible multi-agency interventions
- Avoidance of exclusion from education and mainstream activities



Multi-agency response

- Referral to First Response (outcomes and signs of safety approach.)
- Safety planning.
- Timescales (*3 months for all children or 6 months if child is returning to community after residential/custodial stay.)
- Support (see appendix 3 of the protocol.)
- Vulnerability lens vs criminal justice lens.

**or when change occurs.*

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If you have concerns about a child...

- Police 999**
FIRST RESPONSE
0117 9036444
- FIRST RESPONSE**
https://www2.bristol.gov.uk/forms/child-or-young-person-request-supports-or-report-concern
- PREVENT DUTY**
0117 9455336
channelaw@avonandsothwest.saf.pnt.police.uk
- EARLY HELP (M) 0117 3521499**
EARLY HELP (E/C) 0117 9415886
EARLY HELP (S) 0117 9037770
- Schools Safeguarding Advisors**
- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Nicola Laird 0117 9037795**

Signs of Safety® Assessment and Planning Framework

What are we worried about?	What's working well?	What needs to happen?

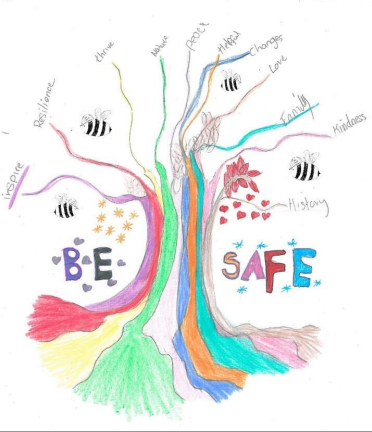
On a scale of 0-10 where 0 means everyone knows the children are safe enough for the child protection authorities to close the case and 10 means things are so bad for the children that they can't be at home, where do we rate this situation?
(use different people's judgements spread on the two-way arrow)

0 ← → 10

Police processes input



- Age of criminal responsibility clarity
- Processes of Police/ outcomes (including out of court disposal panel.)
- CPS prosecution considerations.
- Vulnerability vs criminal justice lens



Restorative Justice

Restore project for “victims of hsb”
Collaboration: Green House, Be Safe and Bristol YOT

Assessment & Therapeutic Intervention

Individual, group, & family therapy informed by assessment

Be Safe

For young people aged **up to 17** years old who have displayed **Harmful Sexual Behaviour**.
Consultation, training, assessment and intervention

Children's Programme

Group & family intervention
Ages **7-11** & Parents/carers
Problematic Sexual Behaviour

Circles of Support

Community Support
Ages **10-18** years old
Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Keep Safe

Group & family intervention
Ages **13 to 17** with mild - moderate **learning disability**
harmful sexual behaviour



Key messages

SUPPORT

- Prevention
- Early identification and intervention.
- Flexible, trauma-informed multi-agency response (“the right people, the right support at the right time.”)
- Vulnerability and risk and appropriate and timely support.

Protocol- [hsb-protocol-kbsp-guidance-may-2022.pdf](#)
([bristolsafeguarding.org](#))

KBSP training on HSB- [Welcome to the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership website.](#) ([bristolsafeguarding.org](#))

