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# Making 'Prevention' meaningful: Systemic considerations of the prevention agenda

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# We need to understand the process of sexual abuse

So that we can:

- identify the process of abuse,
- interfere in the process of abuse,
- and prevent the process of abuse

# Finklehor's Pre-conditions Model

Motivation

Note: most offenders don't dress like this



Overcoming  
Internal  
Inhibitors



Overcoming  
External  
Impediments



Overcome the  
child's resistance

# Finkelhor: 'Four Preconditions' to sexual assault

<b>Motivation</b>	<b>Overcoming Internal Inhibitors</b>	<b>Overcoming External Impediments</b>	<b>Overcoming Victim Resistance</b>
<b>Emotional</b> <b>Mental</b> <b>Sexual</b>	<b>Cognitive distortions</b> <b>Schema</b> <b>Pornography</b> <b>Fantasy and masturbation</b> <b>Egotism</b>	<b>Unrestricted access to children</b> <b>Winning the trust of parents and caretakers</b> <b>Family sanctity</b>	<b>Force</b> <b>Threats</b> <b>Promises</b> <b>Corruption</b> <b>Engendering guilt</b>

# 'Four Preconditions' of Prevention

<b>Reduce Motivation</b>	<b>Strengthen Internal Inhibitors</b>	<b>Strengthen External Impediments</b>	<b>Enhance Children's Resilience</b>
<b>Trauma informed interventions</b> <b>Gender based interventions</b>	<b>Early education re rights and duties</b> <b>Consciousness raising</b>	<b>Safer Recruitment</b> <b>Safer Society</b> <b>'It takes a village'</b>	<b>Self esteem</b> <b>Capable guardians</b> <b>Peer support</b> <b>Post abuse support/therapy</b>

# The 'Eke' Crime Triangle: **problem**



## **For a sexual crime to occur...**

- **A motivated offender is present.**
- **There is the lack of a suitable guardian to prevent the crime from happening.**
- **A suitable target is available.**

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**Repeat offenders attacking different targets at different places.**

**Repeat victims repeatedly attacked by different offenders at different places.**

**Repeat places (or hot spots) involving different offenders and different targets interacting at the same place.**



# The 'Eke' Crime Triangle: **solution**



# For a sexual crime to be prevented..

- **We need to 'handle' and manage identified and prospective offenders**
- **We need to manage prospective crime scenes**
- **We need to act as guardians to identified and prospective victims**

## The Prevention Agenda and Framework: Smallbone and Wortley

- **Primary prevention: Avoids the development of sexual abuse in our communities**
- **Secondary Prevention: Detects problematic behaviours, and offers opportunities for early intervention**
- **Tertiary Prevention: Responds to identified abuse and abusers, and seeks to prevent its recurrence, or minimise its impact**
- **Quaternary Prevention: Minimises the consequences of systems failure and ‘iatrogenic harm.’**

# Prevention Agenda: Malaria

- **Primary Prevention: 'For all'.** Drain the swamps, educate people.
- **Secondary: 'For those at high risk.'** Issue mosquito nets, insect repellent, take antimalarial medication.
- **Tertiary: 'After the event.'** Hospitalise, treat with medication, rehabilitate.
- **Quaternary: 'Minimise systemic harm':** Improve medications

# The Prevention Agenda: Sexual Abuse

	<b>Primary prevention</b>	<b>Secondary prevention</b>	<b>Tertiary prevention</b>	<b>Quaternary Prevention</b>
<b><i>Offenders</i></b>				
<b><i>Victims</i></b>				
<b><i>Communities/ Families</i></b>				
<b><i>Situations</i></b>				

## Primary Prevention for offenders:

**Developmental prevention: Domestic violence reduction, reducing domestic consumption of pornography**

**Training for professionals, and ‘whole community’ awareness programmes**

**Education for adolescents on boundaries, relationships, self esteem and protection, sexuality etc**

**Safeguarding via vetting, safer recruitment and employment practices, etc**

# **Secondary Prevention for Offenders:**

**Confidential Helplines (Stop it Now!), and anonymous on line help ('Get Help')**

**Counselling for at-risk individuals**

**Intercepting attempts to view abusive imagery**

**Use of 'injunctive' Sexual Harm Prevention Orders, Child Abduction Notices, etc**

**Identification of worrying behaviours in children and treatment thereafter**

# **Tertiary Prevention for Offenders:**

**Prisons/Special Hospitals, with treatment programmes for all inmates**

**SHPOs at the point of sentence**

**Offender treatment programmes in the community**

**Management in the community (MAPPA)**

**Circles of Support and Accountability**



# OCC Recommendations

- 1. The Commissioner recommends that a strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse, in all its forms, is developed and implemented by relevant Government departments, including the Department for Education, Department of Health and Home Office.**
- 2. The Commissioner recommends that all schools equip all children to understand healthy and safe relationships and to talk to an appropriate adult if they are worried about abuse.**
- 8. The Commissioner recommends that, from the moment of initial disclosure, children receive a holistic package of support, tailored to their needs, including therapeutic support to help them recover from their experiences.**
- 11. The Commissioner also recommends that children and young people with harmful sexual behaviour receive proportionate and timely intervention to reduce the risk of this behaviour continuing into adulthood**

# Activity:

- Take the Smallbone and Wortley Framework:
- Add activities and projects which currently exist which deal with Position Of Trust sexual abuse to your knowledge, to the Framework
- Suggest activities and projects you think would reduce Position of Trust sexual crime in your Bristol.

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