

# Salford Child Sexual Abuse Strategy

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Children Partnership

In 2021, Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) was identified as a strategic priority for the Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership. The CSA sub group was established in February 2022. The group includes key members from across the partnership who work with children and young people affected by Child Sexual Abuse. The sub group embarked upon the mission to develop a whole system response to CSA and to oversee practice to ensure that all children affected are effectively safeguarded in Salford.

To tackle child sexual abuse in all its forms, we need everyone to play their part and we owe it to those impacted by these crimes to do more to stop it from happening in the first place. It is vital that we work together to disrupt all forms of offending and provide victims and survivors with the support they need to rebuild their lives- whether the abuse is within the family, organised by criminal networks, within institutions, or online.

Child sexual abuse is a complex issue. Recognising and articulating this complexity, and being sensitive and reflexive in the way that we respond to it, is essential. It is only by embracing and understanding this complexity that policy and practice can make the progress that is needed.

Equality, diversity and the voice of the child is a golden thread running throughout all of our priorities.



## **PRIORITY 1: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse**

**“We want everyone who comes into contact with children and young people to recognise when a child is vulnerable to sexual abuse and know how to respond. We want to prevent child sexual abuse from happening, so that all children and young people in Salford are able to reach their full potential.”**

## **PRIORITY 2: Protecting Children from Child Sexual Abuse**

**“We want to work together to protect children from the risk of sexual abuse. The SSCP will strive to ensure that all professionals working with children have the skills and information that they need to recognise and respond appropriately to all forms of child sexual abuse.”**

## **PRIORITY 3: Communications and Engagement**

**“We want to improve the information provided to parents, carers and the wider public about Child Sexual Abuse, so that key adults are empowered with the advice and tools they need to identify risk and keep children safe.”**

## **PRIORITY 4: Listening and Responding to the VOICE of Children and Young People**

**“We want to listen to and engage with children and young people to ensure that we understand what matters to them. We want to use this information to inform our services and we want to feed back to children and young people to give them some assurance”.**

## **PRIORITY 5: Safeguarding Effectiveness**

**“We will hold ourselves to account to learn from data and insight gathered across the system, quality assure safeguarding practice and monitor performance across the partnership to improve outcomes for children and young people in Salford.”**

