

SSCP Listening Hub

Safeguarding Youth Summit

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Clear purpose and focus

Salford Safeguarding Youth Summit 10th & 17th September 2024 (Pilot) aimed to:
Scrutinise the activities of 4 SSCP subgroups: Child Sexual Abuse, Adolescents, Neglect, and Domestic Abuse. Provide feedback on future work of the group Engage in a Q&A with subgroup representatives.

Follow up

Feedback is sought from individual subgroups on how any findings will inform their workplans. This in turn will be shared with the Youth Council when it has been collated.

Engagement activity

14 young people attended each session
The work of the subgroup was scored from 1-5. Positive feedback and areas for improvement were shared.
SSCP subgroup reps had the chance to ask about areas of interest e.g., Peer support in relation to neglect, safety plans in relation to domestic abuse.

Informing change

The feedback was shared at the SSCP Partnership event in October 2024 to a multi-agency audience. Individual feedback was sent to the relevant subgroups, The SSCP participation lead presented to the CSA group in October 2024 and is scheduled to present at the DA subgroup in December 2024 and the Neglect subgroup in January 2025.

Analysis

The average score for each group was as follows:
Child Sexual Abuse – 3.7
Adolescents – 3.7
Neglect – 4
Domestic Abuse – 4.7
Overall the young people were most impressed with the work of the Domestic Abuse Subgroup.

Views and voices

Quotes from your service users. What has changed?

CSA: *It is positive that there has been free training (delivered to organisations)*

There needs to be more information on the SSCP website for children & it needs to be better advertised

There needs to be a focus on workshops directly for children

The range of different people who sit on the subgroup is good

Adolescents - *Good links to Greater Manchester which will increase the impact*

There should be training on empathy for people who work with teenagers

More engagement with teenagers and making decisions together, Are the polices effective?

Neglect - *There is a mistrust of social workers because of bad stories people hear. This stops young people asking for help for themselves or others. There should be a web portal with information on the different types of abuse and this should be promoted. It is important that Young people know who they can speak to in school (not only the DSL). Young people support each other (if one is experiencing neglect). It's not always best to involve parents.*

Domestic Abuse - *Young people should be involved in safety plans – you shouldn't be told what's good for you without being asked. Tell more people about local services so young people know where to reach out. Use social media to spread awareness. Build rapport & trust with a young person. Check with a young person that this (e.g. safety plan) is what they want, or trust can be broken.*