

Tackling child exploitation learning and events programme



The **Tackling Child Exploitation (TCE) Support Programme** is a Department for Education funded consortium programme led by Research in Practice with The Children's Society and the University of Bedfordshire. Since 2019, the Programme has been supporting local areas across England to improve strategic responses to child exploitation and extra-familial harm. TCE has been doing this through Bespoke Support Projects with local areas, action research, communities of practice and learning sets, as well as sharing learning and commissioned resources via the TCE microsite.

Now in its third year, TCE is delighted to launch a six-month programme of learning events. The series consists of 'live' interactive digital events, podcasts, blogs and vlogs. Centred on themes of 'risk', 'data' and 'partnership', the sessions focus on insights from our Bespoke Support Projects with local areas, as well as TCE-led action research, communities of practice, and learning sets. The events are designed to stimulate reflection and discussion, explore key insights, and connect participants within and across sectors tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm throughout England. All events and resources will draw on the TCE hallmarks of quality research, practice wisdom and expertise by experience to create accessible and challenging learning and networking opportunities.

Register now for autumn events via our [microsite](#)

The programme is aimed at strategic leaders, senior managers and individuals in all roles and agencies who are interested in ideas to support systems improvement.

October 2021

Look out for blogs and vlogs in September to introduce our learning and events programme.

Reframing risk: how risk assessments can screen young people in or out of access to help



7 October (online)
11-12.30pm

What are some of the issues which are problematic for how young people's risk and/or experience of child sexual exploitation (CSE) is currently assessed? This session will provide strategic leaders and practitioners with an understanding of these issues and how to address them. It will also offer an opportunity to inform a forthcoming piece of TCE work on child exploitation risk assessments, to be completed by March 2022.

This session will be led by Dr Helen Beckett (Director, Safer Young Lives Research Centre and Reader in Child Protection and Children's Rights at University of Bedfordshire, and part of TCE) with TCE's Head of Evidence, Alice Yeo.

The event aims to provide knowledge, evidence and examples of how to think and work differently with CSE and wider exploitation assessment and screening tools, indicators and 'grading' of risk across partnerships.

A 90-minute event with a presentation, case study, Q&A and small group discussion.

Joining the dots: bridging boundaries to strengthen partnerships



13 October (online)
11am - 1pm

What actions and behaviours are most likely to influence system change for child exploitation and extra familial harm?

Join TCE's Partnership Manager, Anna Racher (Research in Practice), and Annie Hudson (Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and TCE Delivery Partner) to explore key messages from the Programme's learning on partnerships, child exploitation and extra-familial harm, and how strategic behaviour can contribute to the disruption of child exploitation dynamics.

A 2-hour event featuring a short presentation, breakout rooms and discussion.

Asking better questions: data for intelligence



21 October (online)
10.30am - 12.30pm

What does the child exploitation and extra-familial harm 'data picture' in your area tell you?

This event will explore how partnerships can use data more effectively to help transform a local area's understanding of child exploitation and extra-familial harm. The event will be facilitated by Rebecca Godar (Policy Intelligence and TCE Delivery Partner), with a case study from TCE alumni in Greater Manchester.

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November 2021

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Victim/offender: beyond the child exploitation and extra-familial harm binary



Victim or offender? Explore why the labels professionals use to describe young people matter when tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm.

Join Joe Calouri (Head of Research and Policy at Crest Advisory and TCE Delivery Partner) and Laura Demetriades (Service Manager Safeguarding and Reviewing at Hackney's Children and Family Services), to explore the implications of labelling a young person as either victim or offender in relation to child exploitation and extra-familial harm, and the impact this has on referral routes and on the ability of young people to access help and support.

A 2-hour event featuring a short presentation, case study, breakout rooms and discussion.

4 November
10.30-12.30pm

Through the looking glass: understanding risk for multi-agency working



How do single-agency definitions of risk influence wider partnership responses to child exploitation and extra-familial harm? Explore how language can shape strategic responses as partnerships develop a shared understanding of risk.

TCE's Head of Delivery, Ellie Fairgrieve, will explore how to effectively identify and challenge the impact of differing agency 'lenses' when it comes to tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm. Ellie will be joined by Alice Yeo (Head of Evidence, Safer Young Lives Research Centre at the University of Bedfordshire) and a Bespoke Support Project partner to discuss steps to build a collective understanding of risk within local partnerships.

10 November
10.30-12.30pm

Effective leadership in a strengths-based partnership tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm



What do we mean by strengths-based leadership? Why does it matter?

Explore why leadership approaches across a partnership make a difference to the way we shape and deliver services to those who have experienced child exploitation and extra-familial harm.

Join The Children's Society's Director of Youth Programmes and Innovation, Nerys Anthony, in conversation with TCE's Head of Delivery, Ellie Fairgrieve, to reflect on the factors which contribute to effective systems leadership for child exploitation and extra-familial harm. They will draw on experiences from The Children's Society's work with child exploitation partnerships in considering what supports partners to work constructively together.

A 90-minute event featuring a short presentation, breakout rooms and discussion.

18 November
11am - 12.30pm

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December 2021

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Missing from education: child exploitation, exclusion and risk



8 December
3.45 - 5.15pm

How do education settings and their wider community and safeguarding partners recognise and respond to child exploitation? Explore how we can cultivate more effective multi-agency approaches to address the disproportionate exclusion of exploited children and young people from education.

Join researcher Jenny Graham and TCE's Head of Evidence, Alice Yeo (University of Bedfordshire, Safer Young Lives Research Centre), as they discuss findings from Jenny's recent TCE-commissioned research focusing on child exploitation and school exclusion. Explore the challenges for schools regarding exploitation, exclusion and effective safeguarding, consider the available literature base and learn about examples of promising multi-agency practice.

A 90-minute event with presentation, breakout rooms and discussion.

All in: forming constructive coalitions



9 December
11am - 1pm

What best enables and supports meaningful engagement with a range of partners when tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm? Explore constructive ways to combine strategies, identify resources and share tools across a partnership.

This event will explore methods for influencing wider system change, beyond agency and seniority. TCE Implementation Lead Amy Hurst will be joined by Angela Gascoigne (CEO of Shal Housing, Somerset) to discuss her experience of forming a constructive coalition, and to consider the behaviours that support systems improvement for child exploitation and extra-familial harm.

A 2-hour reflective knowledge exchange event, designed to share ideas and experiences, explore challenges and discuss solutions.

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