



# Stakeholder Bulletin

April 2023

## **Coordinating and improving the police service response to vulnerability.**

Welcome to your April edition of the VKPP bulletin, bringing you up to date with our work.

This month we saw the launch of the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) taskforce. launched by the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Home Secretary Suella Braverman.

Fundamentally the taskforce continues the work of the vulnerability hub, however, there will be a focus towards group based CSE.

Alongside [Tackling Organised Exploitation](#) (TOEX), and the [National Crime Agency](#) (NCA) we will continue to support the Hydrant Programme who will coordinate and lead the taskforce. The formation of the taskforce enables us to not only continue the essential work but further our support to forces within the peer review function, CPD support, as well as producing a comms plan to reset the public and political narrative around CSEA, in particular group based CSE to replace the grooming gangs narrative



## Opportunities to get involved

[PIER23: Tackling online harms, a whole system approach](#) - 23-24 May

Join the PIER's annual conference, a free hybrid event that brings together the highest profile national and international speakers dedicated to tackling the global challenge of sexual abuse of children online - one of the greatest criminal threats across the globe.

This year's focus is 'tackling online harms – a whole system approach'. Speakers will include VKPP founder and former Chief Constable **Mr Simon Bailey** QPM, CBE, and VKPP Director **Gareth Edwards** as well as public protection, technology, and rehabilitation, who are responsible for tackling the threat and implications of online child sexual abuse for victims, their families, and offenders.



## Partner/Stakeholder News

Here is your monthly round up of some of the reports and publications we found of interest, and which may be relevant to you in your work.

### [Learning for the Police from Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements \(MAPPA\) Serious Case Reviews - 2023 - Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme](#)

Partnership working and the whole system approach to offender management are long and well-established principles across criminal justice. The MAPP arrangements have been embedded over many years across agencies and have provided a framework for a consistent approach in seeking to protect the public from serious harm. This longevity has meant continued development of the arrangements in light of current thinking and operational practice, particularly the learning from serious case reviews, and this report needs to be considered in that context.

### [Multi-agency Practice Principles for responding to child exploitation and extra-familial harm](#)

The multi-agency Practice Principles for responding to child exploitation and extra-familial harm are designed to support effective partnership working across different local contexts; providing a common language and framework to better respond to child exploitation and extra-familial harm.

### [Experts demand major overhaul of safeguarding system to protect children with disabilities from abuse at children's homes](#) - 20 April

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published recommendations to improve the care, welfare, and outcomes for children with disabilities and complex health needs living in residential settings.

### [Non-accidental injuries in infants attending the emergency department](#) - 13 April

The Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) has published a report looking at factors influencing the diagnosis of non-accidental injuries in infants who visit emergency departments (ED) in England.

### [Disrupted Childhood: The cost of persuasive design \(2023\)](#) - 12 April

5Rights Foundation has published a new report on the design of digital products and services that are used by children. The report looks at the impact of persuasive design on children’s social, mental, and physical development and discusses prioritising children’s rights.

**[New board will strengthen age assessments of small boat arrivals](#)** - 31 March

The Home Office and UK Visas and Immigration have published guidance for professionals about the new National Age Assessment Board (NAAB) in the UK. The Board will oversee a new system for age assessing unaccompanied asylum seekers established by the Nationality and Borders Act 2022.



**VKPP Vacancies**

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OCC, Wymondham/ Home Working

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1 Part Time (29.6 Hours) – Temporary to 31.03.2025

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