



Services in Liverpool Overview

Adolescent Team (Protect)

The Targeted Services Officers/Missing and Youth Workers offer a service to children who are missing from home and children at risk of/experiencing exploitation.

The team offers direct work and support for children and families experiencing criminal or sexual exploitation. The offer of support is tailored to the needs of the child/family but can include awareness raising work with parents and work around healthy relationships and building a safety network with children and young people.

They also offer independent return interviews for children who have gone missing from home within Liverpool and also for some Liverpool children who are in the care of the Local Authority but are placed out of the city.

Catch 22

Offer support to children experiencing criminal and sexual exploitation across Merseyside. They offer both one-to-one and group work for children and young people. Longer-term support is available for exploited children to help them through their recovery journey. Their offer for direct, face-to-face work is available to Liverpool children placed outside the city.

Catch 22 work with children who have been reported missing to The Police and offer independent return interviews.

CELLS (Choices, Education, Lifelong Learning Skills)

Programme offering mentoring support to children at risk of criminal exploitation through trained support workers with lived experience. The objective is to educate children about the consequences of crime while supporting them to access recreational and vocational diversionary activities and understand personal responsibility. The programme works to provide support around problems the child is experiencing, improving self-esteem and well-being.

CELLS also offer regulated remedial work for those affected by crime, working to reduce re-offending in the community.

Cycle of Life

Liverpool 8 based organisation offering support to vulnerable and disadvantaged 12–19-year-olds into education, employment, and training, particularly focusing on the BAME community.

The project looks to re-engage young people with education, employment and training rescuing scrapped bikes and those donated by the Police and public – young people are given the skills to clean, repair and refurbish the bikes to a high standard, which are then provided to NHS/keyworkers. Young people can work up to City and Guilds and Cytec qualifications in cycle mechanics.

Everton in the Community

Working to a support model alongside both primary and secondary schools as well as evening and weekend work in the community to provide a consistent presence and trusted adults for children who may be at risk of exploitation.

There are options to divert children and young people away from more negative activities and towards more positive ones, including sports and employment. For children up to the age of 14 EitC offers opportunities to increase their skills and resilience; for children over 14 there is the offer of looking at skills around employment and for older children and young adults, offers of apprenticeships are available through partnership working.

LFC Foundation

Working alongside schools and other partners, including CSC to identify children at risk of exploitation to offer a 12-week enrichment programme. The programme operates outside of school hours to increase positive activities and new experiences for children.

This encourages parent/guardian participation to help build more positive relationships at home whilst educating young people about the dangers of county lines.

Local Solutions (INK Project)

The INK Project works with males and females but focuses on supporting females from 16-24 who are at risk of criminal exploitation. Using an Intense Mentoring Model, the INK project offers a tailored programme of support that aims to increase awareness around Child Criminal Exploitation, in particular around County Lines activity; boost protective factors in the young person's life; build the young person's resilience and provide opportunities for personal development.

The support is tailored to the individual and the programmes run for 12 weeks, including mentoring, life skills and tenancy readiness.

Mandela8 Roots and Wings Programme

Working with schools and Youth Offending Service to identify children who would benefit from the programme. Work is focused on healthy and unhealthy relationships, gangs, knife crime, anti-social behaviour, county lines, CSE and CCE, and how to respond to peer pressure. The programme uses drama and martial arts to build confidence and break down barriers. It requires some involvement and commitment from parents.

PACE (Parents against Child Exploitation)

PACE offer practical support to parents whose children are at risk of/experiencing exploitation. Offering advocacy and support in meetings with agencies and helping parents understand the dynamics of grooming and how to gather information to assist agencies looking to identify perpetrators.

Prevention

The team is based in Targeted Services for Young People and offers support to children and young people who may be at risk of exploitation. The support offered will be tailored to the needs of the child and family but includes awareness raising around the issues of exploitation and work around healthy relationships and substances, helping to reduce the likelihood of offending.

Seetec

Offer employment and training opportunities for 16-24-year-olds in Warehouse Fork Lift Training and admin. The programmes have placements attached through local employment agreements – usually 25 hours a week for at least 4 weeks. Helping young people to engage in employment and reduce the risk of exploitation.

St Giles Trust

Offer support for young people up to the age of 25 who are criminally exploited through county lines. St Giles Trust will offer support to return a child home following arrest as they have found this to be a reachable moment. The longer-term support offered is tailored to the young person's needs to help them find a way out of exploitation – into employment or a new property to become a positive contributor to the local community.

We Are With You

Offering direct support for young people who are worried about drug or alcohol use can offer support in reducing and ending drug/alcohol use. Support workers will also help with any other problems the young person may be experiencing.

16-19 Guidance Team

The team works to help offer practical support to children and young people who want to re-engage with education, employment or training. They can offer support in careers guidance, applying for courses and interviews – including practical support.