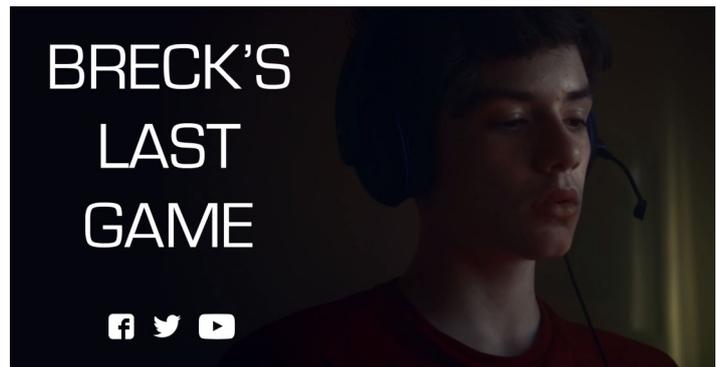




Welcome to the third edition of this partnership bulletin, aimed at ensuring professionals across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are up-to-date on all aspects of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

Breck's Last Game project

Breck's Last Game, the short film about a 14-year-old boy who was murdered by a man he met on a gaming site, has been viewed almost 1.7 million times around the world since it was publicly launched in April, and is set to be adopted down under.



The Australian Federal Police have asked for permission to use the film to help protect their country's young people. Their online safety advisor said: "We have recently come across Breck's Last Game and think it is a valuable resource to educate the public about the risks associated with being online.

"The video strongly aligns with our approach to educating around online safety, and we believe the story is an important one to share."

Lorin LaFave of the Breck Foundation said: "I'm so pleased people in every corner of the globe can now easily access Breck's Last Game so parents and young people can have the opportunity to have open and engaging discussions about their own online friends and behaviours and to ask themselves the question, 'do you really know who your online friends are?' "

Click [here](#) to view film.

A full evaluation of the project will be made available in the summer.

The school's rollout of the film and lesson plans is ongoing. Leicestershire Police continue to work in collaboration with Northamptonshire, Surrey and Essex police forces along with the Breck Foundation to promote the campaign. In response to feedback already received, the resource pack is continuing to be developed and improved.

For more information about Breck's Last Game, contact:
Corporate.Communications@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk



New faces



Pictured: Back row: PS Robinson, Danni Perse, PC Andy Walker, Demetrius Gonsalves.
Front row: DS Danny Paddock, PC Esme Grantham, Donna Smalley, PC Jo Blackshaw and PC Steph Shipley.

Members of the multi-agency CSE (MaCSE) hub in Wigston are delighted to welcome Demetrius Gonsalves to the team.

Demetrius, pictured above with fellow workers (back row, fourth from left), is the new CSE Social Worker. He will be working alongside partners to ensure an effective multi-agency response to help protect children at risk of going missing and to identify and disrupt individuals who present a risk to them. He is a great addition to the team.

The hub also proudly welcomes a new, dedicated special constable who will be working with the team every Friday.

Kat Finney, pictured right, is a doctor who specialises in teenage sexual health. She has been a special with the force for some time now but jumped at the opportunity to work with a specialist department where she can enhance the work of the team with her specialist skills.

She has already forged stronger links with the sexual health centres in Leicester and is going to be a huge asset to the team.



Warning Zone proposals



After meetings between Warning Zone and the MaCSE team, it has been agreed that over the summer the two will work together to introduce age-appropriate language on the subject of county lines and gangs into some of the zones at the hugely popular Frog Island facility in Leicester.

This means over 10,000 children will become aware of the dangers during the 2019/2020 academic year. Warning Zone bosses continue to work on ideas of how best to reach a wider audience in the crucial 12-18 age group. As always funding is something which will be required but the team are cautiously optimistic that if the concept is strong enough funding will follow.

NWG conference 2019



The **National Working Group for Child Sexual Exploitation** conference has recently taken place. Key members of the MaCSE team were in attendance.

Unsurprisingly, the focus this year was the national threat of gangs and county lines.

NWG have chosen to adopt the definition of county lines featured in the Serious Organised Crime Strategy for Greater Manchester 2018-20.

County Lines is a national term used by police and law enforcement to commonly describe the approach taken by gangs and criminal networks originating from urban areas, who travel to such county or coastal towns to sell class A drugs. Gangs typically use children, young people and vulnerable adults to deliver drugs to customers and this often involves the child being subjected to deception, intimidation, violence and financial exploitation as grooming.

The county lines business model is linked by a marketed mobile phone line through which users phone for specific drugs to be supplied. County lines scenarios may also involve 'cuckooing', which involves gangs and criminal networks taking over the home of a vulnerable person and using their property as a base to store drugs, firearms and often run their criminal activity.

Click [here](#) to go to the NWG website

Healthy Together 0-19 Services

Leicestershire NHS Partnership Trust staff should be aware that the CSE pathway has been updated and will be added to the service's Standard Operating Guidance. Initial CSE training for staff at the Trust has been arranged for September this year, and can be booked via the uLearn system. In addition, CSE training for new Healthy Together staff will be taking place on June 19, and the school nursing clinical lead, Sarah Tebbett, will confirm the venue shortly.

The CSE e-learning module on uLearn will be updated over the next few weeks to ensure it covers all forms of child exploitation. For further information contact tracy.dickens@leicspart.nhs.uk

Children's Commissioner report into gangs

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently published a report, in which she warns the same mistakes that led to child sexual exploitation are being repeated with gangs.

Click [here](#) to read report

New vulnerability group for LLR

A new Vulnerability Group has been set up for LLR in response to increased knowledge regarding exploitation, which comes in many different forms. The LLR membership are lead contributors in developing the new regional standards in response to the delivery of services to support our most vulnerable children and young people.

Charity runners

Members of the Wigston CSE team took part in a charity run in Leicestershire earlier this month in aid of two police staff members who are both terminally ill and bravely facing a daily battle.

The runners are pictured below: PC Kam Kalia, Isa Pete Milligan, DC Adam Toop, DI Jenni Heggs, DC Chris Perry and DS Jim Muzzell.



Successful investigations

A Thurmaston man has been jailed after he pleaded guilty to committing sexual offences against a teenage girl.

Paul Stephen Phillips, 44, of Old Hall Close, pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual activity with a child and one count sexual touching at Leicester Crown Court in April.

He was given a two-year prison sentence and placed on the sex offenders register for life.

The charges relate to information police received in March leading them to suspect Phillips was having a sexual relationship with the teenage victim. Officers immediately began an investigation and following enquiries carried out, Phillips was arrested.

He was subsequently charged with four offences.

Detective Constable Liz Ayres, who was the investigating officer, said: "Despite fully admitting to knowing the victim's age, Phillips still took advantage of this young girl for his own sexual gratification.

"Thanks to this person reporting their concerns to police, we have been able to safeguard her against any further offending from Phillips. Specialist officers continue to work closely with our colleagues in social care to offer the right support to her and her family."

Operation to disrupt and protect

The force's multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MA-CSE) team recently carried out an operation to target areas in the city where suspected CSE is happening.

Specialist CSE officers, alongside support from neighbourhood officers, recently visited a number of addresses in the Leicester city centre area.

The operation was carried out following concerns that children identified at risk of CSE were visiting particular addresses.

Detective Sergeant Pete Copple from the force's multi-agency CSE hub, said: "Our intention around the operation was to disrupt offending and safeguard any children identified as at risk.

"As a result, a number of children were recognised as being at possible risk of CSE and measures are being put in place to safeguard them. "

Lighthouse update



In our next edition, look out for an exciting update about a new provision offered by the Lighthouse, the dedicated, Leicester based evidence centre for children who have been the victim or witness of a crime.

Watch this space!

Internal training—association mapping

Both regionally and locally across LLR partners are working together to identify links between both districts and other local authorities.

Tools are being developed to complete live association mapping exercises to collectively demonstrate the width and breadth of county lines and OCG activity across our region.

All professionals are encouraged to know and be able to recognise the signs of criminal exploitation.

Please continue to make appropriate referrals, complete the information sharing forms and utilise the portal if you are concerned about the exploitation of a child.

A great example of CSE prevention work

Some great CSE prevention work has been taking place with members of the MaCSE team working hard to identify and visit low-cost hotels, B & B's and taxi companies across LLR. This work is crucial in keeping up the pressure on the night time economy and licensed trade to fulfil their safeguarding obligations and increase intelligence.

Its effectiveness was demonstrated shortly before the publication of this bulletin, when two 14-year-old children were safeguarded after a taxi driver became suspicious after he had dropped them at a hotel. As a result, the two children were rescued from a hotel room where they were found to be with two adult men. All were taking drugs and the two men were arrested.

The taxi driver said he did this due to the training input he had received from PCSOs. This clearly demonstrates the positive impact of the training which in this instance no doubt contributed to ensuring two vulnerable children were safeguarded.

and finally...

Have a story to share?

Thank you reading the third edition of the new, CSE E-Bulletin. Your feedback is welcomed, along with any ideas for future editions.

Please forward your suggestions to Rachel.Lynch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

The next edition will be out in the summer