**Market Engagement – Contextual Safeguarding**

In recent years, the number of victims and survivors of Contextual Safeguarding coming forward has risen sharply, resulting in an increase in the demand for statutory and non-statutory child-protection services.

In May 2021, Cheshire Police identified 275 children recorded as at risk of exploitation of which 44% of children were recorded at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE); 89% were male and 11% were female and 56% were recorded at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) 9% were male and 91% were female.

Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority recognises that there is an increased need for targeted Contextual Safeguarding Services, and therefore is seeking to procure a Contextual Safeguarding Service providing support to our children and young people who are considered to be at risk of exploitation. This can range from prevention work for those children considered at high risk; raising awareness and educating them about the risks of exploitation through to direct intervention with the child with the aim to reduce their current risk and increase their resilience. The service will work with professionals in a multi-agency approach to ensure that an effective and robust plan is in place once an assessment tool has been submitted.

To support the development of our services please take the time to share with us your knowledge and experience from similar services:

**Name of Organisation:**

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| How do the referral pathways work – what works well/what doesn’t and why? |
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| How many referrals do workers hold at any one time? |
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| And on average how long does each intervention take? |
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| What do you provide as part of your intervention? |
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| What assessment tool do you use to measure impact? |
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| Given your experiences and expertise within this field, what new and innovative ways of working does your organisation provide? |
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The Council may request TEAMs meetings to further discuss your questionnaire on an individual company basis.

Please note that this is a market engagement event designed to help support the development of a specification for a tender opportunity. The tender will be published on the Chest, [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) and companies will be able to apply. Participating in the market engagement does not provide an advantage at the tender stage and companies will still need to complete the tender documentation.

**Please submit your responses by Friday 26th November to: Debbie.pitcher@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**

Please note that we may hold meetings earlier than this date if responses are received earlier.