

# Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Panel CSA Report<sup>1</sup> Task & Finish Group

## Terms of Reference (ToR)

#### Introduction

This Task & Finish Group has been established to take forward the response on behalf of the Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) to the specific recommendations in the <u>CSPR Panel Report "I wanted them all to notice" Protecting children and responding to child sexual abuse within the family environment, November 2024, made to local safeguarding children partners.</u>

### **Background**

In November 2024, the CSPR Panel published a report, developed with the Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse, which looked at the findings of recent research, analysed rapid reviews and case reviews which included this type of abuse, undertook primary research with affected children and reflective discussions with various professional stakeholders.

These revealed key findings that there was a deficit in the system of hearing children's voices and understanding their needs; a lack of appropriate response and understanding in relation to parents' and carers' contexts, vulnerabilities and needs; challenges in identifying signs, understanding risk and raising concerns; and issues in responding to concerns of intrafamilial child sexual abuse.

A number of recommendations were made at a national level and also to local safeguarding partners. At the January 2025 meeting of the Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership, it was agreed that these recommendations would be taken forward in the form of an Action Plan which would provide an analysis and reveal any areas for development for the multi-agency system in this area.

#### **Purpose**

To develop a detailed Action Plan in response to the six recommendations made in the Report to Local Child Safeguarding Children Partnerships (LSCPs) (pages 129-131). The recommendations relate to: strategic planning; professional knowledge, skills and confidence; enquiries and investigations; assessment of people presenting risk of sexual harm; talking to children; and health. The Task & Finish Group will then monitor the Action Plan progress over 2025-2026.

#### Aims

The aims of the Task & Finish Group are:

- Consider the recommendations made to local safeguarding partners
- Develop a detailed action plan for presentation to the Executive for review and agreement in March 2025.
- For this to be presented to the Executive for agreement in March 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) Panel Report: "I wanted them all to notice" – Protecting children and responding to child sexual abuse within the family environment, November 2024



#### **Outcomes**

- The Action Plan will be developed and accepted by the Executive.
- CSA will be agreed as a priority for the RSCP for 2025 2026, with the work based on the Action Plan.
- For the findings, outcomes, learning and impact to be summarised by the Scrutineer in the RSCP Annual Scrutiny Report 2025 2026.

#### **Chair & Secretariat**

The Task & Finish Group will be chaired by the RSCP Independent Scrutineer and the secretariat will be provided by the RSAB & RSCP Partnerships Manager.

### **Membership**

The Task & Finish Group will be formed by safeguarding leads in each of the statutory partner organisations alongside representatives from key provider agencies and areas of the local authority.

#### Meetings

The Task & Finish Group will meet once in 2024 – 2025 to develop the draft Action Plan for the Executive. It will then continue to meet on a regular basis on a bi-monthly basis through 2025 – 2026 to monitor progress against the Action Plan.