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Background

K21 and his family came to live permanently in the UK from abroad. K21 is the youngest child and has adult siblings. K21's parents are separated. K21 mainly resides with his mother although has had intermittent episodes of being accommodated under Section 20 of the Children's Act (1989) A number of assessments of family need have occurred over the past two years. K21 was said to be thriving within the school environment.

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Safeguarding concerns

K21 and his family have current involvement with Tameside Complex safeguarding Team in relation to concerns regarding child criminal exploitation. K21 and his family were deemed to be at level of child in need for support. Concerns were raised as to where K21 was living and he would often be missing.

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The incident

K21 was 16 years old and had been involved in an incident in a public place in which he suffered near miss fatal injury. The persons involved knew each other and K21 expressed that he did not wish to pursue involvement with Greater Manchester Police.

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The review

The review looked at;
Recognition and response to criminal exploitation from agencies
Effectiveness of interventions by multi agency teams
Similarities between this review and others involving young people where complex safeguarding issues have been a feature in their lives.
Management and application of child protection thresholds in Tameside.
Appropriateness of using current child protection procedures to assess and respond to extra familial abuse.

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The findings

Young people who are involved in criminal behaviours are not always viewed by practitioners as a child in need of care and support.
Assessment of complex safeguarding issues can fall out with traditional child protection policy and procedure which makes recognition and response to child abuse and application of thresholds difficult for practitioners to help and support families.
The use of a trauma informed approach to multi agency service delivery would enhance the response to young people who are affected by complex safeguarding issues.

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Implementing Change

Reflect on the findings and discuss the implications for your service/practice. Identify and outline the steps you and your team will take to improve practice in line with the findings and recommendations

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Recommendations

- Establishment of a Local Steering Group to support the GM Trauma Responsive and ACE Framework Implementation Plan proposed by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
- Determine whether Tameside's existing complex safeguarding offer is sufficient in regards to issues being identified by research into this area of practice.
- Provide assurance that the 'Local Learning Points' listed in Chapter 16 of the National Panel's report 'It was hard to escape' have been progressed or that there is a plan in place to do so locally.
- Complete consultation with the children's workforce regarding their knowledge, understanding and application of practice relating to Tameside's complex safeguarding offer.
- Partner agencies utilise the Early Help Assessment and Team Around the School approach at the earliest opportunity when responding to signs of exploitation.
- TSCP to host a Practitioner Forum on the topic 'developing trusted relationships' so that professionals can share good practice and develop alternative ways to engage families.
- Review recommendations from this review in line with recommendations made for other young people who may be at risk of harm from complex safeguarding issues.

K21





Name of Organisation

Team Manager

Name of Section & Team

Contact Details

Identify the learning or recommendations that are relevant to your team and summarise your teams' discussion on those points

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What actions have been agreed to improve practice?

What needs to happen?	Who will do it?	By When?	How will you know when it has been done?	How will you know if it has worked?