Scrutiny Inquiry Progress Update on Recommendations
Interim/Final Progress Report 6 months on

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Accepted Recommendations	Original Response and Actions	Progress Update	Committee Assessment of Progress (RAG status)
Recommendation One: Taking the Lead We recommend that Buckinghamshire County Council take the lead within the BSCB partnership to champion children's cyber safety as part of its general responsibility for children's safeguarding, to facilitate greater oversight and pool knowledge and resources from external agencies including	Cabinet Response: Agreed

The Bucks Safeguarding Children's Board E-safety subcommittee will continue their partnership work around children's cyber safety. The BSCB would be supportive of having additional capacity to drive this agenda forward, but would be keen to see partnership agreement to BCC taking the role as lead agency for this agenda within the | The BSCB esafety sub group continues to work with a range of partners and its membership has grown to include more representation from schools and faith groups. With Yvette Thomas now in place as the lead for the county council the subcommittee is working with her to support the development of the conferences in Spring 2016.

The Policy & Equalities Manager is working in collaboration with the BSCB, sits on the e- safety sub group and is currently organising 2 conferences on E Safety. Work is also underway to develop a web page for schools addressing this issue. | |

CEOP, practice in schools and external agencies such as MacAfee and other cyber safety champions.	partnership. The Chief Executive will take relevant issues through the Council's Prevent Board.		
Recommendation Two: Lead Officer for Children's Cyber safety. We recommend that Buckinghamshire County Council designate a lead officer for children's cyber safety.	Cabinet Response: Agreed Identifying a lead offer within BCC would provide additional capacity to drive this work forward more quickly, including helping to extend the reach of the work into more schools (see recommendation 3). However, it will be important to clarify how this additional capacity will be resourced.	Yvette Thomas, Policy & Equalities Manager, has been appointed to this role.	
Recommendation Three: Schools We recommend that BSCB ensures that it has a robust action plan for cyber-safety awareness in schools.	The BSCB E-safety subcommittee will continue to support schools with e-safety training, map with partners the areas of need, and share	The E-Safety Sub Group is continuing to support schools through training and the provision of resources. The Group also has a good overview of the support that is provided by various different partners and uses this to identify any significant gaps in practice. Since the publication of the report, the Sub Group has updated all the resources that are available via the BSCB website to ensure they are up	

This action plan should include promoting the implementation of the Byron report and Ofsted, as outlined in the Ofsted report Inspecting e-safety in schools –Briefing for section 5 inspections (Key features of good and outstanding practice).	online resources and research best practice. Identifying a lead officer within BCC would ensure we could drive this work with schools forward with greater pace, and fully meet this recommendation.	to date and in line with changing technologies and trends. Before the summer holiday, the Sub Group had planned a 'pop up' twilight event around sexting for schools. This reflected the fact that sexting is currently a big area of concern for schools and Thames Valley Police had published some new guidance for schools on dealing with it. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to Thames Valley Police indicating that they wanted to re-write the guidance. We will schedule this event again once the guidance is available. The sub group has supported the CSE events in schools for parents to give an input on internet safety and grooming. Schools will also be supported via the Two E-Safety conferences that are planned.	
Recommendation Four: Web Based Resources We recommend that the BSCB ensures that parents, staff in schools and children in Buckinghamshire have access to key online resources and key resources including ensuring that the BSCB webpages signpost effectively to online resources and that schools can utilise this information.	The BSCB is currently planning to undertake major revisions to its website, including making sure that it is more easily accessible across a range of audience groups and needs. This was one of the areas highlighted for improvement in the recent Ofsted inspection and is a priority area of work. The BSCB is keen to ensure that relevant audience groups, including young people, are	**1) Resources and information for professionals (including staff in schools):** The resources on the BSCB web site have been updated and can be accessed here: http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/professionals/e-learning/ The Sub Group will ensure these remain up to date. **2) Resources and information for children and young people:** Since this report was published the BSCB has done a consultation with young people on the current BSCB web pages that are designed for them. As a result of this work the BSCB agreed at its September meeting to commission a separate microsite for young people that will look and feel totally different from the main BSCB website. We are now planning an initial focus group to bring together a group of young people and the web designers so they can work together on some initial design concepts. We will then be working with young people to write the content for the site and to promote it. We are liaising with the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service who already provide information for children and young people to ensure there is no duplication. Clearly an important aspect of this site will be information around E-Safety. We will keep the Select Committee up to date on progress with this work.	

	appropriately involved in the re-design of the website. It is anticipated that this consultation and engagement activity will take place during April, with a revised website completed by June.

A number of excellent online resources are already available for parents, staff and children including on the BSCB website, but can be difficult to find. The E-safety subgroup will be involved in the wider BSCB website project to ensure the most appropriate resources are easily accessible. | **3) Resources and information for parents:** Theses have been updated inline with the resources for professionals. | |
| Recommendation Five: Raising Awareness of Cyber Safety
We recommend that the BSCB ensures that it has a clear communications action plan to deliver its e- | The BSCB has recognised that improving communications is a priority, and is currently in the process of convening a communications sub-group to write a | The BSCB has worked with partner comms officers to write a communication strategy and this is now available on our website: http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/BSCB-Procedures/Communications_Strategy.pdf

Alongside this we have developed a BSCB communications plan which includes elements relating to all Board activity, including the e-safety Sub Group. | |

safety strategy. The communications plan should include specific actions to raise awareness of different online risks with different audiences such as parents, schools staff and young people at different ages and map the existing communications and engagement in place against the strategy.	communications strategy and action plan. These documents will cover all relevant audience groups. The E-safety sub-committee will be fully involved in this work so that this recommendation can be fully met.	However, the main role of the BSCB is to coordinate the work of other agencies to safeguarding children and young people and to assess the effectiveness of this work. Therefore, much of the communication activity takes place through Board partners rather than being directly delivered by the Board. For this reason the Sub Group maps awareness raising, training and other activity that takes place across partners including by audience group and geographical areas. The Sub Group will continue with this work, including identifying and seeking to ensure any particular gaps in provision are filled.	
Recommendation Six: Cyber Safety Communications We recommend that the BSCB review Cyber Safety Communications to make sure they are clear, effective, easily identifiable and attractive to young people, and badged to the local partnership, including the development an appropriate and distinctive logo to	The BSCB E-safety subcommittee can review and research how best to communicate directly with children and young people, and include children in young people in designing an approach to signposting. This can then be taken forward through the communications strategy and will be supported by the improved BSCB website.	This will be progressed as part of the development of the new microsite (see recommendation 4) Sub group built links with the parent zone who offer support to schools providing a range services including policies and training packages. It also offers recognition for schools that affiliate to identify their commitment to internet safety. Yvette Thomas successfully negotiated a 20% reduction for Buckinghamshire schools.	

signpost children's cyber safety, involving young people, through schools and through individual submissions, with a competition to submit the best designs.	The initial research and engagements with children and young people through schools and other channels would be a good area for partnership working between the E-Safety subcommittee and a potential new BCC lead officer.		
Recommendation Seven: Buckinghamshire Cyber Safety Conference 2015 We recommend that the Bucks Safeguarding Board host a Cyber Safety Conference in 2015 to review and refresh its e-safety strategy and ensure all partners are signed-up to actions to raise awareness of cyber safety.	The BSCB is supportive in principle of running a partnership event around Cyber Safety. However, we would want to consider the most effective format, content and timing for such an event, and be very clear about the outcomes that would be derived across partners.	Two conferences have been planned for March next year and places have just started to be advertised. Further information can be found here: http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/upcoming-events/ There will be a good range of speakers at both events, including national speakers. We would be delighted if a member of the Select Committee were able to attend one or both of the events.	

RAG Status Guidance (For the Select Committee's Assessment)

	Recommendation implemented to the satisfaction of the committee.		*Committee have concerns the recommendation may not be fully delivered to its satisfaction*
	Recommendation on track to be completed to the satisfaction of the committee.		*Committee consider the recommendation to have not been delivered/implemented*