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Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce – support for your force

Since the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Taskforce was launched a year ago, the team has engaged with all forces in England and Wales to ensure an enhanced and coordinated policing response to these complex investigations.

Now, the Hydrant Programme, who lead the work of the Taskforce, are reminding forces of their offer of support. In the last 12-months, the Taskforce team has carried out 49 peer review and debrief sessions, as well as delivered training to 449 police officers within forces in England and Wales.

If you and your force would like assistance from the CSE Taskforce and/or Hydrant Programme, please do visit our [website](#) to find out more or contact HydrantReview@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

The CSE Taskforce was launched in April 2023, by the Prime Minister and Home Secretary, to work closely with key partners and stakeholders to improve:

- **How we prepare our response to the scale and nature of the threat.**
- **How we protect children from exploitation and abuse.**
- **How we prevent group-based child sexual exploitation.**
- **How we pursue those that perpetrate crimes and bring more offenders to justice.**

In focusing on the above points, the aim was and continues to be increasing the confidence of both victims and survivors, and the wider public in the policing approach to tackling child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Much progress has been made over the last 12-months – not least the ongoing collaboration we have working with forces, partners and stakeholders to ensure the voices of those with lived-experience is central to all that we do.

This includes work to improve understanding of the scale and nature of the threat through better use of data and analysis and working collaboratively with the organisations in the third sector to improve insight about and engagement with victims and survivors.

In addition, the taskforce specifically works with forces in **supporting investigations through a well-established and experienced peer review and support capability; delivering CPD events; and publishing up to date practice advice to assist SIO's in their approach to complex child sexual abuse and exploitation investigations.**