

Background & Current Guidance

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- ▶ Child Sexual Exploitation is a long standing issue
- ▶ It was not initially identified as child abuse
- ▶ Some guidance was issued to individual agencies around 2005
- ▶ The DCSF issues supplementary guidance to Working Together in June 2009. For the first time the term sexual exploitation was used.
- ▶ This guidance required LSCBs to have specific procedures.

- ▶ Working Together 2010 incorporated CSE in Chapter 6
- ▶ October 2011 – University of Bedford published its report following research across the country. It found that only one quarter of LSCBs had addressed CSE as a specific issue.
- ▶ November 2011 the government published its Action Plan
- ▶ July 2012 University of Bedford published a progress report which showed that some progress had been made
- ▶ November 2012 Report from Office Children’s Commissioner