



Final report of the Independent Inquiry into Telford Child Sexual Exploitation

On 12th July 2022 the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Telford was published. The purpose of the Inquiry was to investigate responses to child sexual exploitation in Telford and Wrekin, identify learning for agencies and to make recommendations for the future. The inquiry focused solely on the Telford and Wrekin area; it is important to note that Worcestershire was not included within the scope of the Inquiry.

That said, Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership does recognise that a number of the forty seven recommendations made within the review provide us with the opportunity to consider whether we can further develop our own local responses to the exploitation of children and young people across the county within our current GET SAFE framework. An example of such an opportunity is that West Mercia Police is one of the three Safeguarding Partners in both Worcestershire and Telford, and as such we are keen to contribute to, and benefit locally from, any strengthening of their systems and responses resulting from the report's recommendations. Further, although the Telford and Wrekin report is very much focused on child sexual exploitation in a particular context, here in Worcestershire we are keen to use any learning from that report to develop our approach to child exploitation risks more widely in recognition of the broader forms that child exploitation can and does take.

The recommendations from the Telford and Wrekin report have already been considered by our GET SAFE Partnership Group and as a result the GET SAFE Operational Group has been asked to explore certain areas in further detail from a Worcestershire perspective in support of our commitment to continuous improvement.

Further details and findings from that work will be reported on in the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership yearly report.

Further details of the Telford and Wrekin report can be found here: [The Independent Inquiry into child sexual exploitation in Telford \(iitcse.com\)](https://www.iitcse.com)

To learn more about the Worcestershire approach to protecting children and young people from exploitation, including sexual exploitation, and how we respond to such risks, please visit our Get Safe website at [Get Safe - keeping children and young people safe from criminal exploitation | Worcestershire County Council](#)

To see details of our linked approach to supporting young people aged 16-25 who may be more vulnerable to exploitation of any form, please visit our GET THERE website at [Get There | Worcestershire County Council](#)