

ACTION PLAN ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CJINI REPORT – PPS

“Child Sexual Exploitation: An inspection of how the Criminal Justice System deals with CSE in Northern Ireland”

Key Recommendations - Strategic and Operational

No.	Report Reference	Recommendation	Lead Agency	Accepted Y/N	Proposed Action	Milestone/ Target Date	Update
O2	2.61	<p>All agencies should review and update procedures applicable to tackling child sexual abuse including CSE and ensure alignment with child protection policy and procedures. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PPS and the NICTS each require a child safeguarding procedure. This should be tailored to their particular functions and regularly reviewed; The PPS develop a staff instruction for prosecutors on the prosecution of child sexual abuse and exploitation. 	DOJ	Y	<p>PPS is to commence a comprehensive review of our policies relating to sexual offending, taking on board the findings of the Gillen review and any related changes in practice and procedure. At present our external policy statement is limited to cases involving rape. This will now be extended to serious sexual offences and will include related matters, such as Child Sexual Exploitation.</p> <p>PPS will consider how the CPS guidance policy guidance in relation to child safeguarding might be adapted and tailored to the work of the PPS.</p> <p>PPS will consider whether the public interest factors explicitly referred to in the</p>	<p>September 2021</p> <p>December 2020</p>	

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					<p>Code for Prosecutors will require amendment to include circumstances of CSE and child abduction.</p> <p>A key element in this will be to discuss both these key changes with our stakeholders and to allow for wider consultation with the public.</p>		
O4	3.24	<p>Within six months of publication of the report, each inspected agency should complete a child protection (including CSE) training needs assessment and time bound risk assessed plan for delivery.</p>	DOJ	Y	<p>PPS will assess training needs of all staff regarding child protection (to include CSE) and develop a risk assessed plan for delivery of training in areas identified by the assessment.</p>	6 months after publication of report	
O7	3.84	<p>In developing its quality assurance of decision making in sexual offence cases, the PPS should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purposively sample CSA cases; • Work with the PSNI to develop quality assurance of CSE cases including where the primary offence is not sexual such as child abduction. • Within this assess how understanding about exploitation and grooming is 	PPS	Y	<p>PPS will identify CSA cases; arrange for the dip-sampling of these cases (at intervals appropriate to the frequency of these offences occurring) and use the established review system to quality assure decision-making in these cases. The review will include assessing whether the DO has recorded his/her considerations as to whether the child was exploited or</p>	<p>June 2020</p> <p>September 2020</p>	

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		reflected in decision-making with a view to informing practice improvements.			<p>groomed and how that impacted upon the decision.</p> <p>The results of the dip-sampling will be used to identify any specific training needs.</p> <p>PPS will assess whether existing SLAs between PPS and PSNI are adequate to provide quality assurance of CSE and child abduction cases or whether improvements should be made. If so, these will require to be agreed with PSNI.</p>	<p>September 2021</p> <p>December 2020</p>	