

MACE CASE STUDIES



WHAT WE DID

These examples bring to life how strong multi-agency working can make a real difference in complex safeguarding situations. It shows how early information sharing, coordinated action, and decisive intervention have helped reduce risk, protect vulnerable individuals, and improve outcomes for both the people involved and the wider community.

CASE STUDY 1

The case was discussed at MACE, where significant concerns were raised in relation to CCE, as ongoing interventions had not reduced the level of risk. The child, who is in local authority care, continued to visit their father's property, which had also been identified as linked to exploitation. A positive NRM decision was in place for the father; however, no wraparound support had been provided due to non-engagement.

Given the complexity of the situation, it was agreed that a mapping exercise would be undertaken. SNS attended the mapping meeting and identified a number of actions to support the case, including a home visit to the father, a referral to Adult Social Care, the implementation of a partial closure order, and support to relocate out of the area, initially to Torquay and later to Rotherham.

As a result of these actions, the son was moved out of the area due to concerns for his safety, community tensions reduced, and he is no longer offending. The father has also been supported while living in Rotherham and is now in his own accommodation with access to support services.

No further exploitation has been identified, and he is now in permanent accommodation and due to start college.

CASE STUDY 2

The exploitation lead continues to attend MACE and CETG on a weekly basis and the VAP on a fortnightly basis. Attending these meetings has resulted in Community Safety being made aware of a vulnerable woman potentially being cuckooed by a young male associated with the address, there were also concerns that he was being criminally exploited resulting in the case being raised at CETG prior to the case reaching the threshold of MACE. Following this information being shared community safety visited the address and clearly identified vulnerabilities of the elderly female at the property around her presentation and also her ability to retain information.

A professionals meeting was arranged between adult social care, BSAFE, the allocated child social worker, community safety and SYP.

Community safety visited neighbours who confirmed there were multiple young people attending the property late at night along with taxi's dropping girls off and picking them up from the property.

It was agreed Adult Social Care would support enforcement action taken by Community Safety and undertook a capacity assessment deeming the elderly to not have capacity.

Supporting statements were submitted by SYP, Adults and Childrens Social Care and Community Safety resulting in a partial closure order being granted at court preventing the grandson to reside at the property.

A young male associated with the address is currently on bail for serious sexual offences, further underlining the necessity for swift and decisive intervention. Residents had raised ongoing concerns about activity linked to the property, and the council's action has been welcomed locally.

This outcome demonstrates the council's commitment to tackling antisocial behaviour, protecting vulnerable people, and using enforcement powers proportionately to make neighbourhoods safer.

Feedback received from Lead Operational Manager of BSAFE following SNS work on this case: **"Just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for all the work around this address, the events of this week have demonstrated it was definitely the right decision for the safety of everyone involved."**