

How criminal exploitation is being managed in early help

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Jack's story

- ▶ 16 year old male, white British
- ▶ Lives at home with mum, her partner and 2 younger brothers
- ▶ Early help family focus involvement since October 2017
- ▶ 4 reported missing episodes (3 within 42 days)
- ▶ Did step up for social worker involvement
- ▶ Low school attendance which resulted in home education
- ▶ Involvement with the police

The first time I met Jack

- ▶ October 2017, he had been reported missing and I completed a return home interview
- ▶ He had not heard of Early Help Family Focus and was not keen to meet with me
- ▶ Jack was very guarded throughout the interview - openly said he didn't trust me
- ▶ Jack talked about spending time with older people
- ▶ Being given drugs for free
- ▶ Would talk about being "out of it" in flats in Yarmouth

How I overcome the barriers

- ▶ Allowed time to build that relationship
- ▶ Got to know Jack and what his interests were
- ▶ Found out what was important the Jack
- ▶ Identified what support Jack felt he needed
- ▶ Agreed actions to support Jack with this and kept to this

ONCE JACK STARTED TO OPEN UP & TRUST ME WE HAD FURTHER WORRIES.....

What does Jack say helped him

“you always put me at the centre of the case, and the attention is around me and what I want.”

“you have a calm, soft approach and are not too direct.”

“you are good at rewarding, for example you tell me if I have done something good which makes me feel good.”

What isn't so helpful in a worker

“Not speaking to you respectfully”

“Saying things and not doing them - basically lying to me.”

“not making my friends and family feel welcome, or including them.”

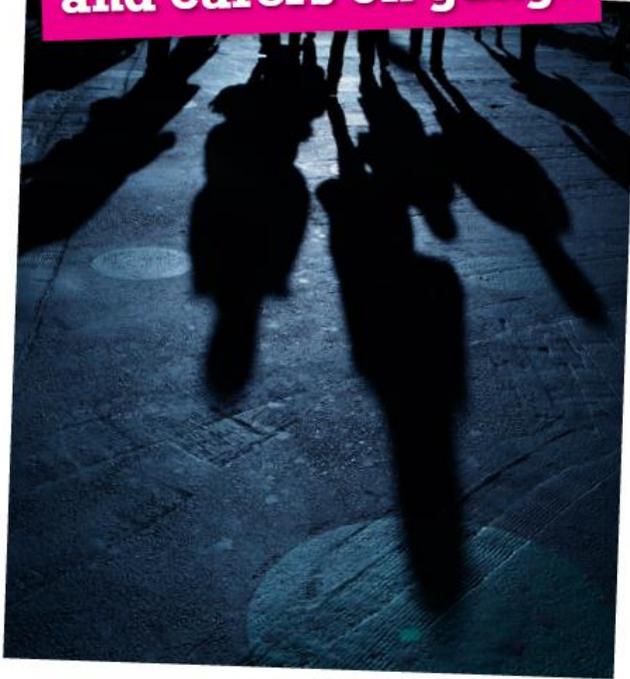
What were we worried about?

- ▶ Jack was not in education
- ▶ He was attacked when trying to leave the “gang”
- ▶ His girlfriend was also attacked one night when walking home by the same group of people
- ▶ Jack was experimenting in different drugs
- ▶ He was reported missing a further 3 times
- ▶ Jack talked about “collecting money” for someone older than him
- ▶ Jack was wearing new clothes and had money for cigarettes and alcohol

What did I do.....

- ▶ Continued to work on building a relationship with Jack
- ▶ Engaged his parents and educated them on criminal exploitation
- ▶ Safety plan with the family
- ▶ Worked closely with youth offending team
- ▶ Professionals were invited to be part of the FSP meetings
- ▶ Offered consistency to Jack

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10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GRAVITY

Norfolk Constabulary is continuing to crack down on drug-related activity, thanks to the newly formed *Operation Gravity*.

But what is the operation actually targeting and how does the drug dealing that it is combatting differ from the kind that police in Norfolk are used to?

We want people in Norfolk to know what a County Line is and to be able to differentiate their bash houses from their trap houses, so we've put together a ten-point guide to help you become savvy with Gravity.

Where are we now

- ▶ Jack is attending Nova training 3 days a week
- ▶ Jack has visited the army careers office in Norwich
- ▶ He is accessing appointments at Silverwood
- ▶ He continues to work with YOT around his offending behaviour
- ▶ Jack is telling us he is not taking drugs anymore, just drinking alcohol
- ▶ Jack has changed the friends he has
- ▶ He is more open with professionals
- ▶ Early help continue to complete prevention work around county lines