

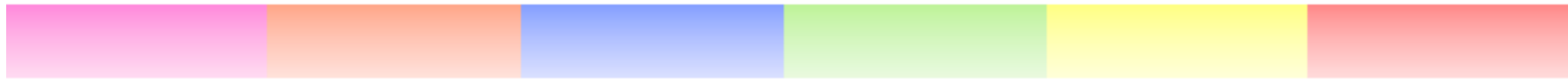


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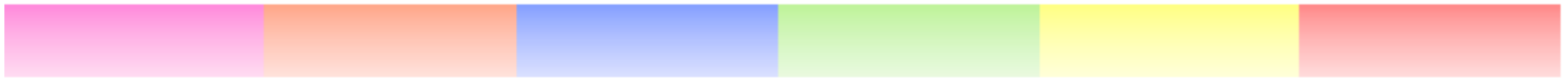
Key priorities

Early Help

Multi-agency safeguarding

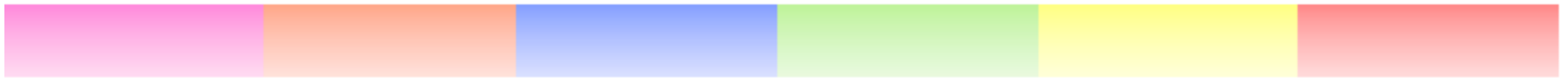
Neglect

Child exploitation/Children Missing



Overall conclusion

- Strengthened their response to children and young people, including providing help and support earlier
- More to be done to ensure that service responses are consistent and effective
- Important to listen and respond more systematically to what children and their families are saying works for them



Serious case review: Fenestra

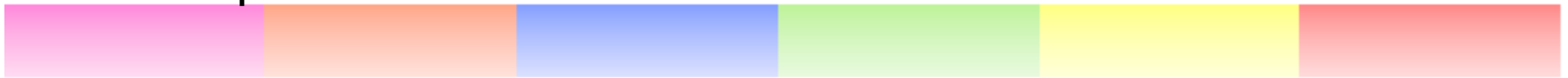
9 child victims of sexual exploitation

Learning

- need for long-term intervention (including parental support)
- Meeting emotional and mental health needs of young people who have been exploited
- improved information sharing and collaborative responses
- improved community safeguarding e.g. tattoo parlours.

Actions/Impact

- Single agency and multi-agency action plans
- Training and roadshows
- Improvements in agency responses to sexual exploitation
- Improvements in intelligence and increased disruption
- Topaz



Serious case review: child Sam

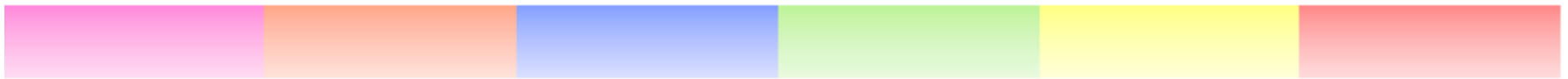
Life changing injuries to a 6 month old baby

Learning

- assessing and responding to risk within the wider family
- understanding of thresholds and the pre-birth protocol
- improved handovers between staff and improved information sharing
- health-specific findings e.g., training on recognising the presenting signs of brain injury in children.

Actions/Impact

- Development of pre-birth toolkit to identify and respond to risk
- Action plans and awareness raising communications/training
- Thresholds document refreshed
- Improvements seen in agency identification, assessment and response to risk and vulnerability pre-birth

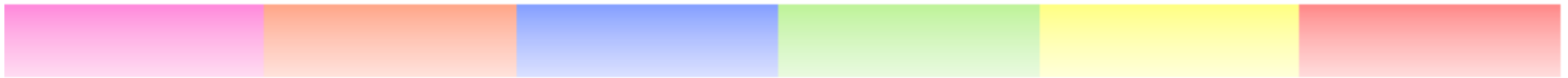


Learning review - suicide

13 child deaths between 2009 and 2017 as a result of suicide or probable suicide

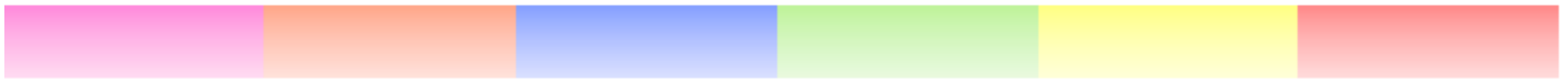
Priority areas for action:

- Multiagency working - children and young people's mental health needs
- Identification of self-harm as an indicator of suicide risk
- Recognition of the issue of suicide prevention in the LGBT community
- Information and support for those bereaved or affected by suicide



Priorities 2018/2019

- Early help
- Consistent partnership approaches to safeguard very young children
- Improving identification and effectiveness of responses to neglect
- Promote understanding of contextual and complex safeguarding
- Improved QA, incorporating better understanding of children's lived experiences/child's voice.



Themes for Scrutiny

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Join up across partnerships – children and adults
- New safeguarding arrangements

