

Contextual Safeguarding Conference

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Evaluation Report

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Introduction

The Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) had the privilege to co-host the Contextual Safeguarding Conference on the 21st of March 2023, alongside The East Riding Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner. The purpose of the conference was to reflect on our approach to tackling child exploitation.

Contextual safeguarding continues to be a priority for the HSCP to identify and reduce the number of children affected by exploitation. The focus is to ensure that there is a good understanding across the partnership of the complex and interrelated risks associated with child exploitation to enable support and intervention to take place at the earliest opportunity to reduce this.

The conference was a large-scale event held at the MKM stadium, with over 300 attendees. The conference provided opportunities to network across Hull and East Riding with colleagues across the partnership including Humberside Police, Health, Education providers, Local Authority, Probation services, and the Voluntary and Community sector.



Keynote Speakers

Kay Durrant, Independent Chair for Hull, and East Riding safeguarding Children Partnership provided an overview of governance structures across the partnership. DSI Philip Booker delivered a presentation on local policing strategies, an introduction on the vulnerability tracker and a summary of the important work of Pitstop and multiagency working. There was a focus on children's vulnerabilities outside the family home and working in partnership with agencies to identify children at the earliest opportunity.



The Police and Crime Commissioner, Jonathan Evison, shared the Not in Our Community resources which can be utilised and used to work with young people to raise awareness of child exploitation.



“I will be able to share resources with vulnerable families I work with.”

The keynote speakers where influential in their delivery, Dr Kate Richardson (OBE) spoke about the important work of the National Crime Agency and how they are responding to contextual safeguarding from a national perspective.



“Missed opportunities to protect young people often increase the risks they face.”

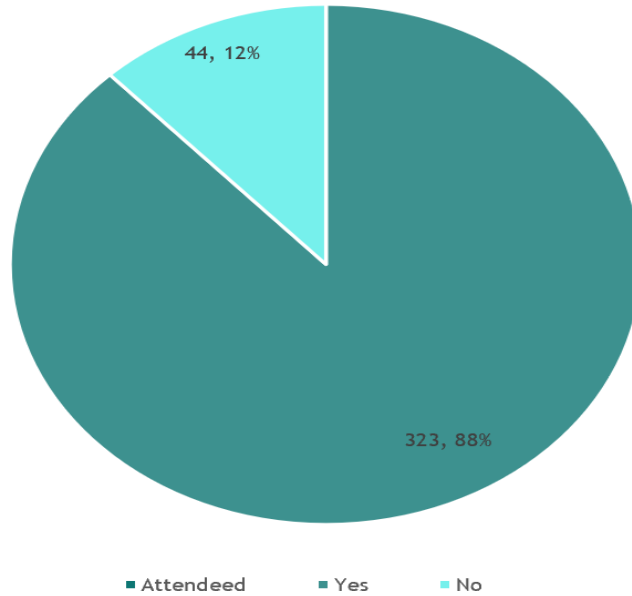
Gavin McKenna shared his life experiences which was an incredibly emotive and impactful session to empower us all to support young people to reach their full potential by providing opportunities in the community for young people.



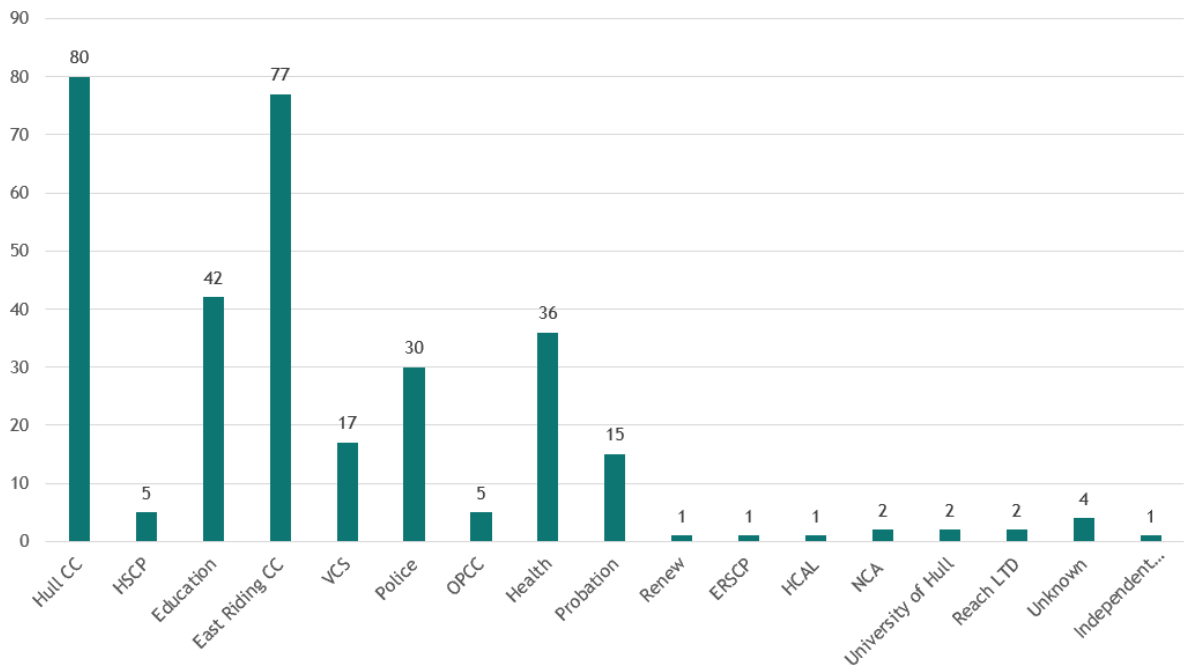
“Lived experience talk was extremely inspiring and consolidated importance of why we were all here.”

Gavin McKenna posted a video on LinkedIn about his trip to Hull and Conference speech [Gavin McKenna on LinkedIn: #livedexperience #opportunity #hope #publicspeaking #keynotespeaker...](#)

Number of Attendees



Attendees by Organisation

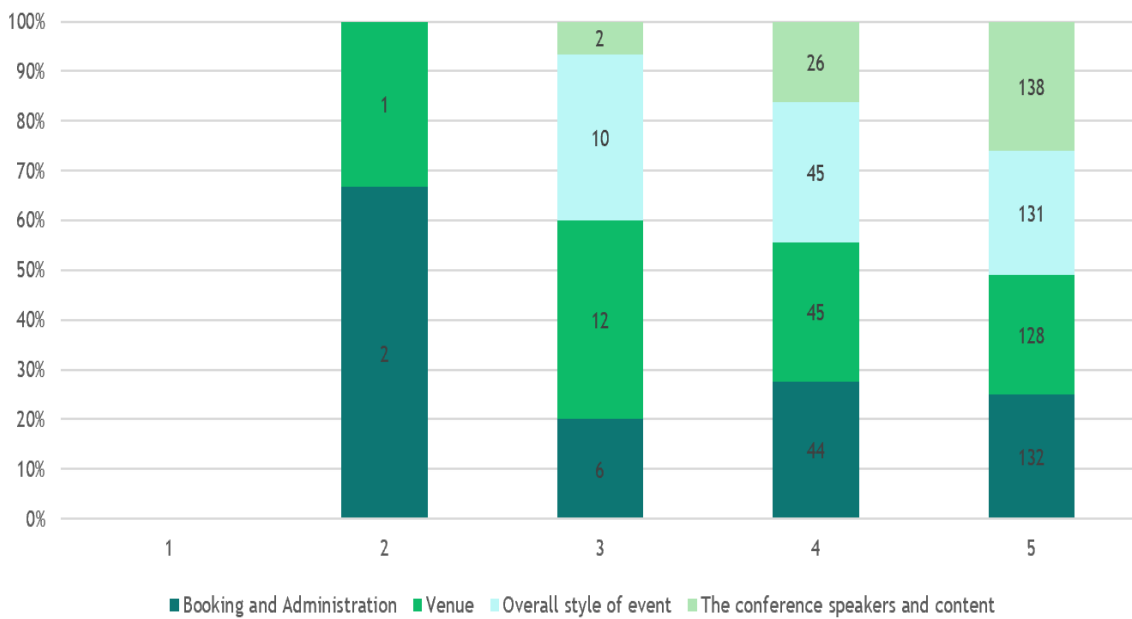


Out of the 323 attendees, 191 evaluation forms were completed. This report will summarise feedback from the evaluation forms. **NB** some feedback forms were not entirely completed which may result in discrepancies in the total.

Conference Feedback

Please circle the relevant number that best describes your feelings about this event

		1= Very Poor 5 =Very Good					
Booking and Administration	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
Venue	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
Overall style of event	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
The conference speakers and content	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊



An overwhelming proportion of attendees had scored 4 and 5, comments within the evaluation form provided a richer understanding of attendee’s thoughts and experiences.

“Gavin's presentation will encourage me to think more about why a young person is offending or unwilling to engage.”

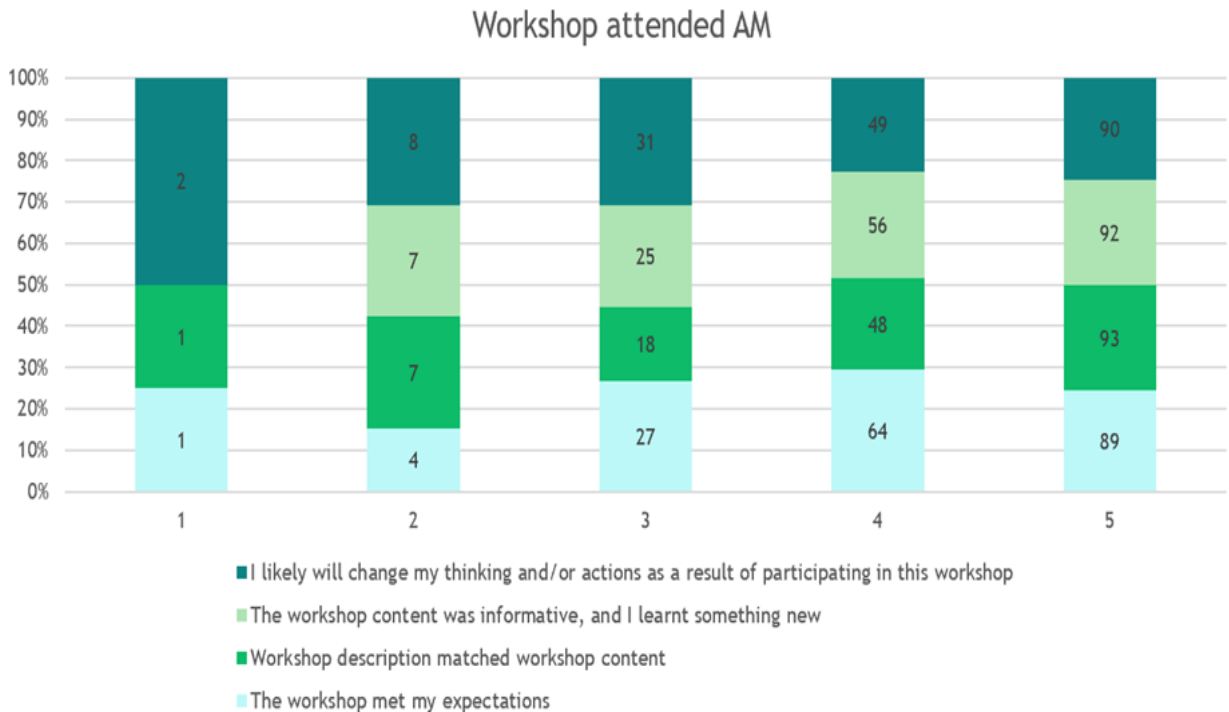
“Amazing day and well put together. Gavin was inspirational and gave a very powerful speech, definitely will inform my practice.”

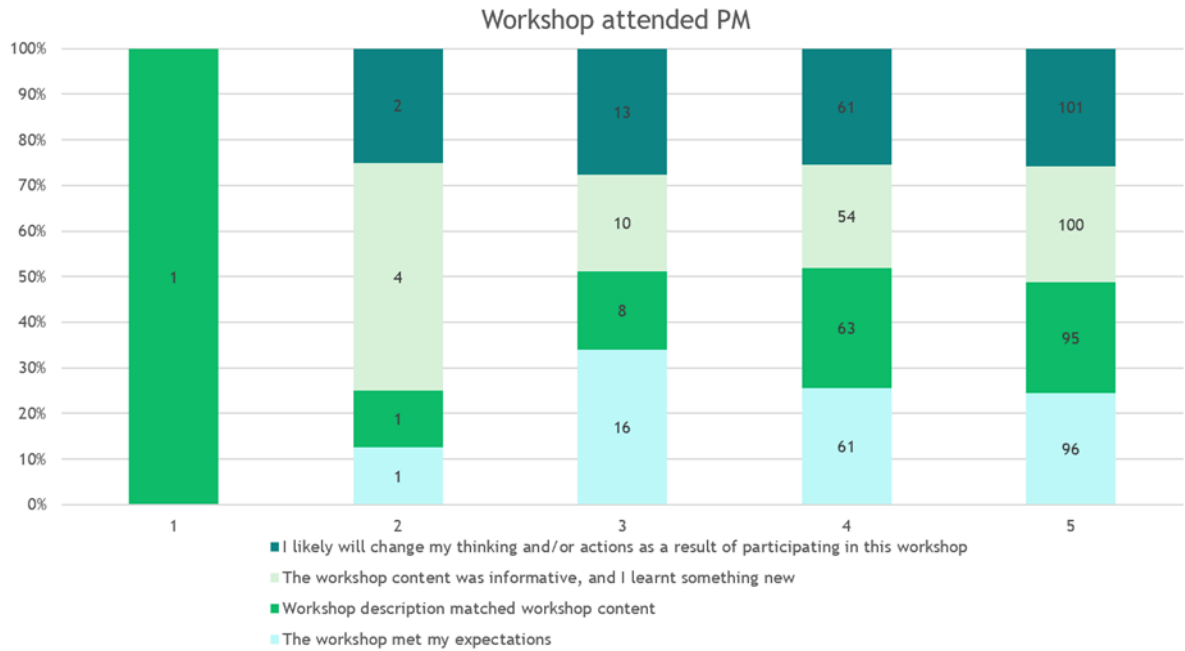
Only 3 attendees had scaled a 2 with no attendees scaling below this, these scores are in relation to the booking and administration process and the venue as opposed to the conference speakers and content.

Workshop Feedback

The conference delivered a range of workshops, all focusing on varying aspects of contextual safeguarding. Attendees had the choice to attend 2 workshops throughout the day. The workshop provided professionals the opportunity to increase knowledge, reflect upon current practice and develop on good practice across the partnership.

Workshop attended:		1 = Very Poor 5 = Very Good					
The workshop met my expectations	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
Workshop description matched workshop content	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
The workshop content was informative, and I learnt something new	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊
I likely will change my thinking and/or actions as a result of participating in this workshop	☹️	1	2	3	4	5	😊





The vast majority of attendees had scored between 4 and 5 for their experiences of the workshop.

“It has reminded me to slow down and not get caught up in 'processes and paperwork' It made me remember why I wanted to become a social worker. I will also take away some resources and ideas for direct work with families.”

Very few attendees had scaled 1 and 2 and provided comments for improvements for future conference events.

“More time for workshops to network and work through learning”

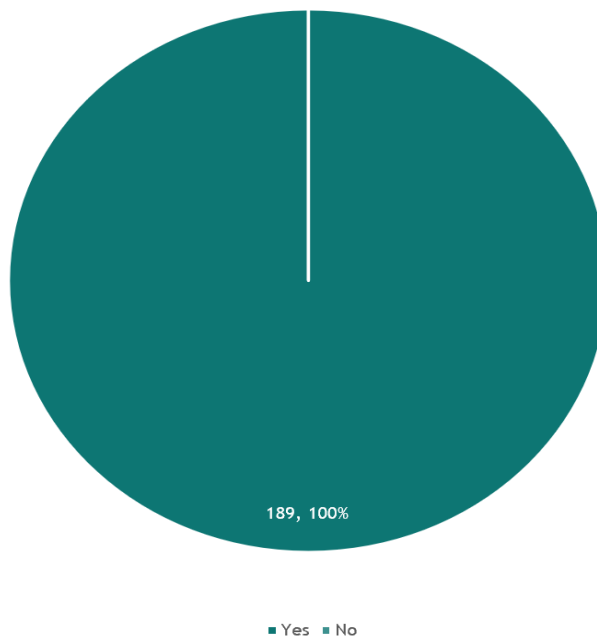
“Consider staff availability for full day events as many are part time and on face-to-face delivery. Consider half day events to offer greater opportunity for breadth of workforce.”



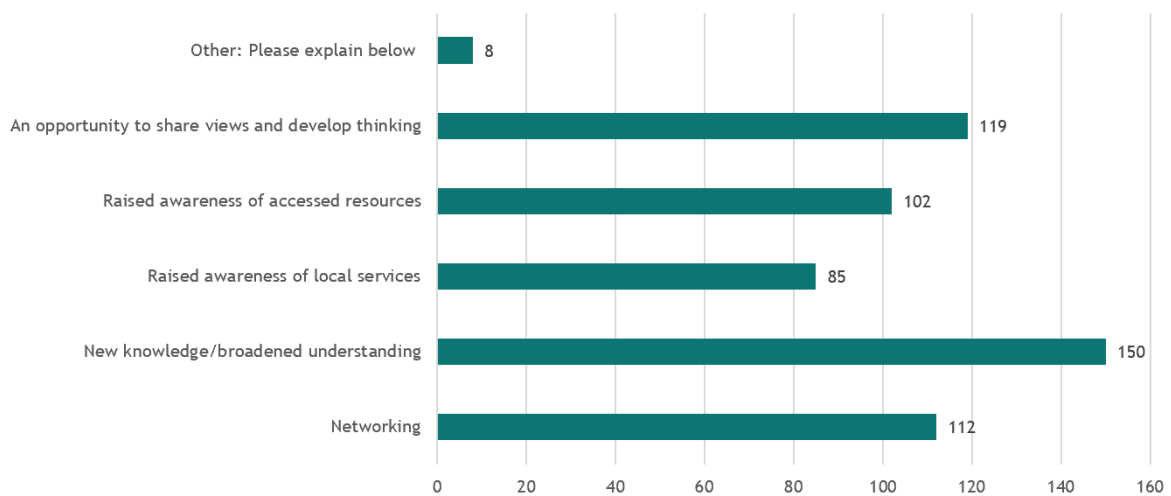
Usefulness for Practice

Evaluation forms praised the success of the conference with feedback from 100% of attendees confirming that the conference was useful. Attendees had noted the conference provided an opportunity to enhance knowledge, share views, develop thinking, and raise awareness of local services and resources. The feedback from the workshops had positive responses which included attendees noting that the workshop content has shaped their thinking and will likely change their practice in future as a result of participating.

Did you find today's event useful?



Did you find today's event useful? If yes, please circle how



Impact on Practice

Identify how the conference will impact on your practice?

“New information, new ways of working and thinking.”

“Sharing the knowledge learnt with my team.”

“I will use the knowledge gained and insights to inform my decision making and to become even more child focused.”

“Raised awareness about the use of language.”

Please identify any areas you would find useful to feature at future events.

“Work around 'mapping'”.

“Young people guest speakers”

“More case scenarios”

“An opportunity to network with key partners for my geographical area.”

