



Trusted relationships fund - local areas and project descriptions

Local Area	Project description	Cost
1. London Borough of Barnet	The project will deliver a school-based prevention programme and a community-based creative spaces programme targeting 10 – 17 year olds at risk of criminal and sexual exploitation. This partnership will provide opportunities for young people to build positive life skills and protective factors against grooming and other harms through the development of trusted relationships with professionals. The intended outcome will be to positively engage socially isolated young people in services that will improve their quality of life in areas such as education, employment and housing.	£1,271,086
2. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	The project will test how third sector partners such as Barnardo's can most effectively deliver alongside statutory services to produce positive outcomes for those at risk/involved with criminal exploitation. Face-to-face meetings and social media contact will be used to build trust, help young people recognise their vulnerabilities and strengthen self-esteem and resilience, identifying risk at the earliest opportunity and reducing exploitation and abuse.	£1,030,470
3. London Borough of Hounslow	As the first Hounslow-specific programme for child sexual exploitation (CSE) and child criminal exploitation (CCE) victims, this project aims to deliver reductions in the number of young people entering the criminal justice system, missing episodes, admissions to acute mental health services, school exclusions and serious youth violence. Intensive support with young people will aim to increase emotional health and wellbeing, disclosures of abuse and engagement in positive activities. Targeted parenting programmes and family therapy will help to build healthy relationships in the home, and reduce the risk of younger siblings also falling prey to abuse and exploitation.	£1,237,859
4. North Yorkshire County Council (and York)	This project will help to foster positive, protective, persistent and long-term relationships between vulnerable young people at risk of exploitation and supported and trained trusted young adults and adults. It will test the relative effectiveness of three types of support models: Restorative Advocates (individuals with lived service experience); mentors; and trusted adults identified from within young people's own networks who can support them into adulthood. The project will track which group of young people have the strongest outcomes.	£1,135,429
5. North Somerset District Council	This project will tackle specific vulnerabilities to exploitation and abuse for looked after children, missing young people and those with special educational needs and disabilities. Through a focus on support to parents and carers alongside vulnerable young people, this project will strengthen protective family relationships, ensuring children's previous trauma and emotional needs are understood and responded to, thereby helping to reduce their risk to CSE.	£1,102,961
6. London Borough of Hackney	A detached youth work and mental health service will target exploitation hotspots in the area, linking the most vulnerable and hard to reach young people into universal provision, targeted or mental health support and youth-led activities to divert them away from crime. The project also aims to generate insight into grooming patterns for criminal and sexual exploitation.	£1,074,946



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7. London Borough of Ealing	To tackle vulnerability to exploitation amongst young people, this project will work with schools to find creative alternatives to exclusion and keep young people in mainstream education. A 24/7 outreach service will support children when they are most vulnerable, building trusted and responsive relationships to help disrupt gang association. Preventative awareness raising programmes will also be delivered to every school in the Borough.	£1,509,880
8. City of Bradford	Intensive support delivered to children aged 10-14 at risk of exploitation will encourage them to open up about their experience, recognise positive relationships and how to keep safe, as well as build plans for their future. They will be supported to access local activities and services, building their resilience and ensuring a robust exit plan from exploitative situations. Anti-exploitation workshops will support better informed choices, whilst targeted parenting programmes will raise awareness of CSE.	£1,098,012
9. Northampton Borough Council	This project will fund Northampton’s qualified youth provision, Free to Talk (F2T), to deliver interventions and mentoring lasting up to a year for young people most at risk. It will build individual agency and support young people to take a more positive path, contributing to a reduction in exploitation and abuse, missing episodes and interactions with the youth justice system. Three open access youth centres will be used to deliver informal education programmes written in partnership with young people.	£826,066
10. Manchester	The project will influence system and practice change across Greater Manchester to deliver better quality, trusted relationships between professionals and vulnerable young people. Fully integrated psychologists will upskill the existing workforce, enabling them to deliver more effective interventions to support exit from exploitation and trauma recovery.	£1,142,215
11. North East Lincolnshire Council	The project will tackle the regional drivers of CCE, namely low aspiration and substance misuse and engagement in the illegal drugs market. Psychological therapy will be delivered by practitioners with small caseloads on a one to one and group basis, alongside signposting to sports, arts and cultural activities. A dedicated not in education or employment (NEET) worker will address the connection between CCE and being in alternative education provision. Community mentors will help to build a richer picture of the nature of exploitation in the area, with a particular focus on exploitation of siblings of gang affiliated young people and those with no previous criminal record or engagement with law enforcement.	£975,476