

Serious Case Review - Child I

Statement of The Independent Child Safeguarding Commissioner

The Child I Serious Case Review (SCR) provides a focused account of the risks that some young people can face and equally, the dangers they can pose to others. The CHSCP accepts the findings and recommendations of the SCR in full.

Sadly, the lived experience of Child I is not unique. Whilst not exclusive, we know there are disproportionate numbers of young Black boys who are exploited into county lines, criminal behaviour and serious youth violence. Recent evidence also points to the growing exploitation of girls within this sphere.

In this context, none of us should underestimate the challenges ahead in tackling these issues and I know how hard our safeguarding partnership is working to do just that. That said, we can't do it on our own and it will take more than just professional intervention to effect change. This is a responsibility that each and every one of us needs to own, from the multi-agency system right the way through to communities, parents / carers and young people themselves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Gamble', is positioned above the printed name.

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