

# Complex Safeguarding

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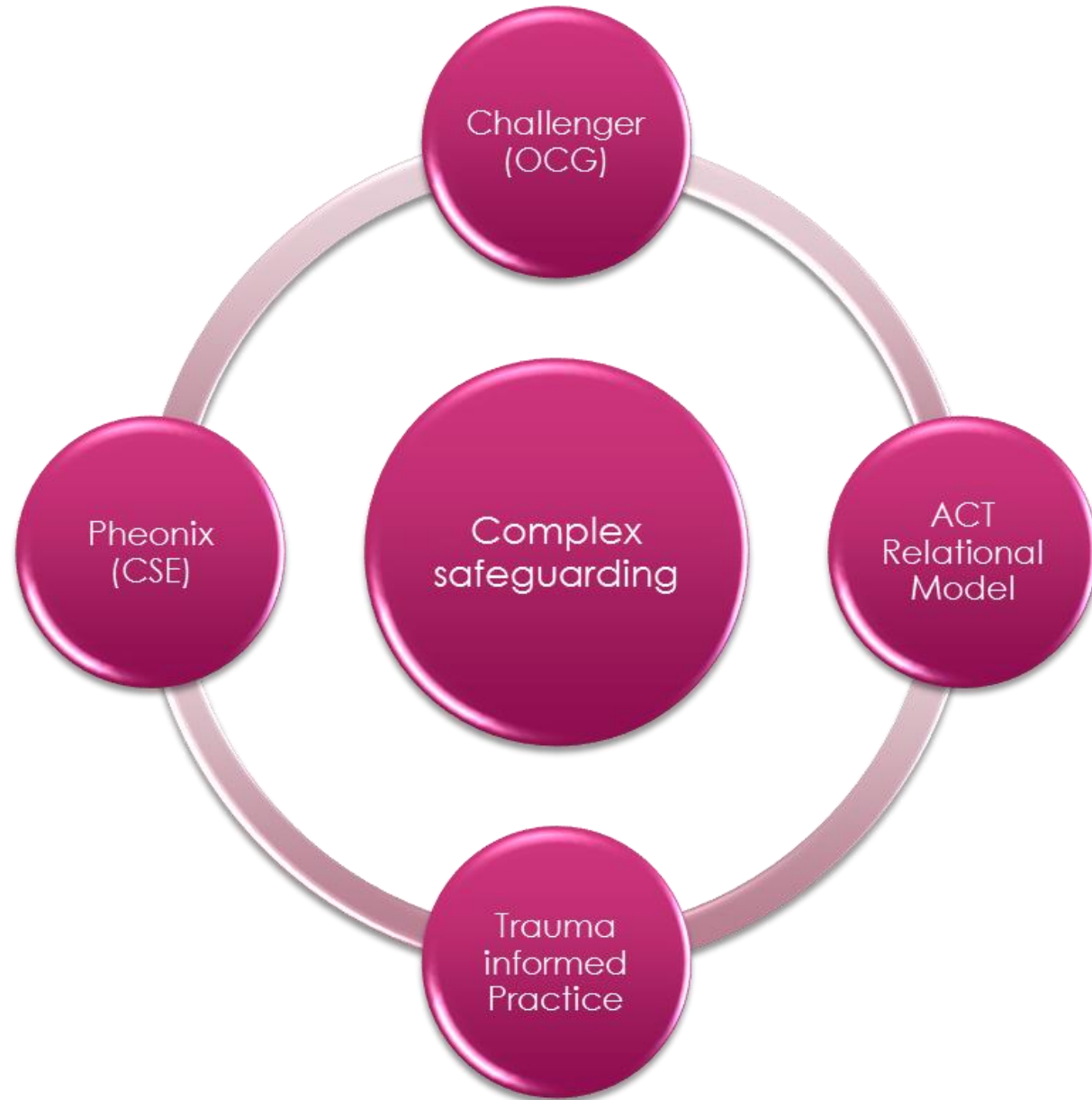
## *What is it?*

- ▶ *In Greater Manchester Complex Safeguarding is used to describe Criminal Activity (often organised), or behaviour associated to criminality, involving vulnerable children/young people, where there is exploitation and/or a clear implied safeguarding concern*

# Complex Safeguarding Vision

Our Vision;

*“By 2021, Greater Manchester will be a national centre of excellence for complex safeguarding. All children in Greater Manchester who are known to be vulnerable to exploitation or other forms of serious and organised criminality will be prevented from harm. Victims will be safeguarded, protected and provided trauma informed services to support their recovery. Services will be delivered in a co-ordinated, informed and consistent way with improved outcomes for children, families and communities being at the centre of our approach.”*



Challenger  
(OCG)

Pheonix  
(CSE)

Complex  
safeguarding

ACT  
Relational  
Model

Trauma  
informed  
Practice

# GM Priorities

We are applying a phased approach to implementation capturing the learning to inform each phase;

Phase one priorities;

- ▶ Child Sexual Exploitation
- ▶ Child Criminal Exploitation & County Lines
- ▶ Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking
- ▶ Organised Crime/Gangs – Threats to life

# Achieving Change Together

- ▶ DFE innovation Project piloted in Wigan & Rochdale 2014
- ▶ A strength based & person centred approach to adolescent support
- ▶ Research based & co-designed by social workers, multi-agency partners and young survivors of CSE
- ▶ ACT practitioners are experienced workers (piloted with social workers)
- ▶ ACT works in a therapeutic & flexible manner taking time to build relationships with young people (6 cases max)
  
- ▶ ACT has two threshold criteria;
  - At risk of exploitation
  - Placement instability (where ever the young person resides)

# ACT Six Principles

- ▶ Young people must be at the centre
- ▶ CSE is complex; therefore the response cannot be simple or linear
- ▶ No agency can address CSE in isolation; collaboration is essential
- ▶ Knowledge is crucial
- ▶ Communities and families are valuable assets and they also need support
- ▶ Effective services require resilient practitioners (so need to look after them)

# Achieving Change Together

- ▶ 25 of the most high risk and challenging young people engaged
- ▶ No secure welfare placements in either authority when ACT was implemented
- ▶ The evaluation found that for every £1 spent, £5 was saved on accommodation costs alone
- ▶ The cost benefit analysis estimated a £48k saving per person over a 5 year period based on agency costs not including accommodation
- ▶ **Though tested & evidenced with CSE risks, it was agreed that these principles could & should apply to all forms of Exploitation.**



# Central Complex Safeguarding Hub

- ▶ Establish standards of practice across 10 areas of Greater Manchester
- ▶ Co-ordinating governance & performance
- ▶ Quality Assurance – Peer reviews
- ▶ Shared approaches to strategy, policy & procedures
- ▶ Diagnostic work & data analysis – Demand profile, threat & current capabilities
- ▶ Research, learning & innovation
- ▶ Workforce development – highly skilled & motivated workforce across Greater Manchester. Specialised training in Adolescent theory, strength based practice & trauma informed practice
- ▶ Multi agency Complex Safeguarding conferences in all 10 LA's
- ▶ Joined up commissioning capabilities

# Networks across GM

- ▶ GM Complex Safeguarding Steering Group
- ▶ GM ACT Practitioner Forum
- ▶ GM Complex Safeguarding practitioners network

# Governance



# Complex Safeguarding Partners

- ▶ Trusted Relationships
- ▶ Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (Barnardos)
- ▶ Disrupting Exploitation (The Children's Society)
- ▶ The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse
- ▶ Research and Practice
- ▶ University of Bedfordshire
- ▶ PACE

# Any Questions?

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