**Notes from group discussion with VCOs re Fund for Children affected by DA - 8.8.18**

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**People are complex with different issues-** need to avoid a one size fits all

**Whole family approach**- young people want to see each family member supported

* Focus on family life from asset based approach not deficits

**Early intervention**

* Something to target children where adults are not identified or in services

**A youth work approach** which doesn’t single young people out but builds generic resilience

* Awareness raising and education about the impact of abuse
* Recognition of ch/yp at extremes of behavior disruptive vs overly compliant
* Something to target children/yp not in school (excluded or school refusers)
* Something to target ch/yp quietly compliant (keeping it all together but risk explosion at later point)
* Young peoples voice/ Peer-led project

**Targeted integrated approach to those from toxic trio or ACE**

**Therapeutic approaches**

* Something for boys specifically

**Family courts and child contact**

**Something which supports interventions rather than identification and assessment** (because current VCOs addressing DA struggle with capacity and demand)

**Whole System Model** – with provision for ch/yp, victims and perpetrators.

**DART model –** to build relationships and restore families affected by DA

**Group work – 6-12 weeks**, talking about relationships/ outcomes would be around listening and learning, mentoring and focus group feedback/ long term changes would be to build resilience and improve learning mechanisms.

**Identifications** that can be offered in: family settings/ youth settings/ drug & alcohol settings

**Working with young perpetrators** – Media Campaign/ literature developed by young people/ drama production

**Survey** - of young people’s attitudes and views around DA – to be developed by young people from services working with children and young people across Cleveland’s VCS.

Group discussed the next steps. SC stated that the PCC had an interest in being the lead organization for a consortium of commissioners.

VCOs were asked to support this approach – those present agreed. SC advised that a project plan was not yet developed but that the consultation with the VCOs would be fed into the development of a model of work.

SC stated that a small weekly working group was to be set up, and asked how organisations wanted to be kept in touch – suggested this was done through Tracey Brittain, which group agreed to, and that a further VCO focus session would be held once the model of work was better developed.

VCOs were asked to describe their service – what they are able to offer to support children affected by DA? All to email SC to collate this.

All were thanked for their assistance, particularly the Hemlington LINX young people who co-produced the feedback, and also the survey questions.