

Follow-up Written Answers from Overview and Scrutiny Committee 24 February 2022

Agenda Item 4

Quarter 3 People Portfolio holder Updates

Question 1 - Protect the Most Vulnerable from Harm - Members noted that 24 children under Surrey Risk Management Meetings seemed high as these were children where there were concerns around harm caused by criminal or sexual exploitation or 'cuckooed' victims. Members asked for data to be presented in table form in order to compare figures to previous years and to also understand the bigger picture, such as comparative information with other boroughs and districts in East Surrey being provided per head of population.

Written Answer

What is the Surrey Risk Management Meeting?

The Surrey Risk Management Meeting (RMM) take place weekly in each of the Children's Social Care areas (Quadrants). Jointly chaired by Children's Services and Family Services, the RMM provide a multi-agency forum with responsibility for assessing and reducing the risk of exploitation for children.

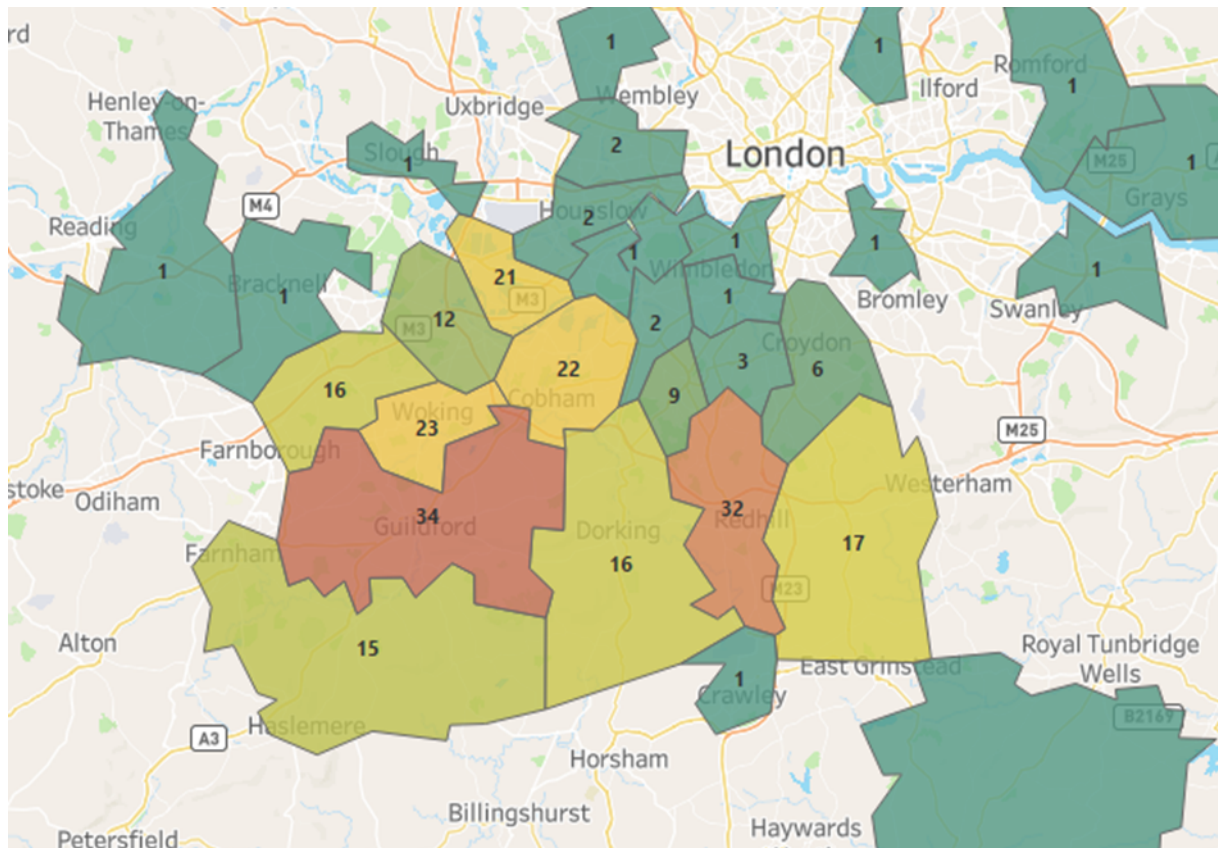
Surrey County Council Data for RMM referrals

The map and chart below have been provided by the Surrey County Council Child Exploitation, Missing and Hidden Crimes Coordinator. It is presented to update Members on the current numbers of young people subject to the RMM Process within the borough and compared with the County. The Dark green sections of the map are cases of Surrey young people housed outside the County.

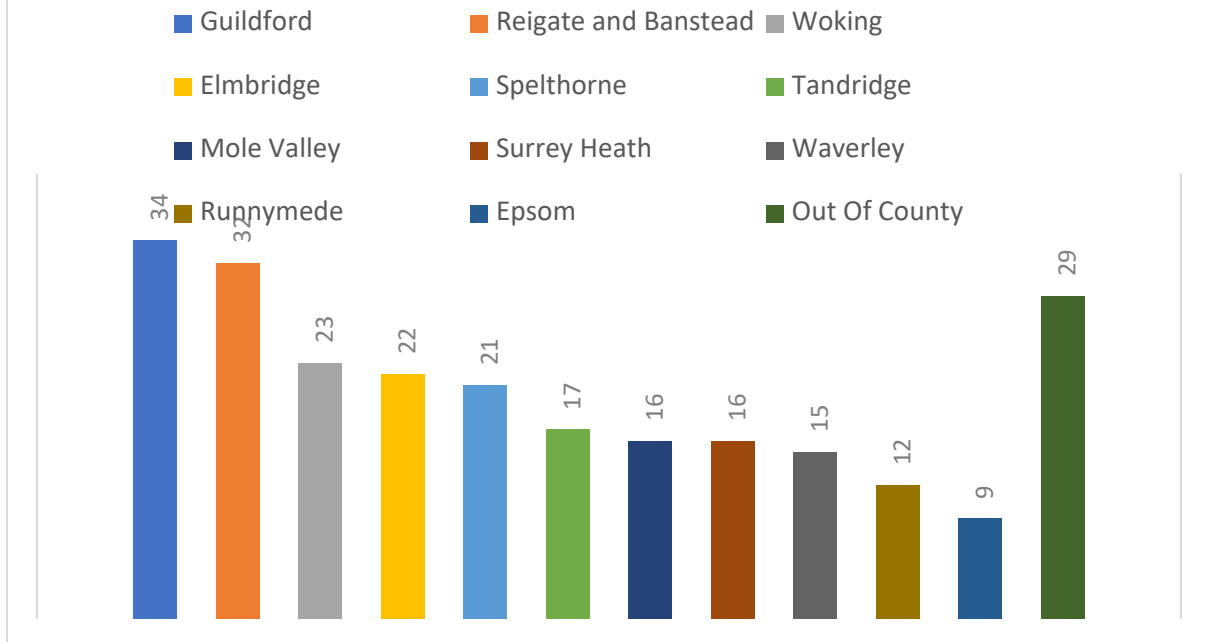
The Surrey Child Exploitation, Missing and Hidden Crimes Coordinator provided the following commentary to explain the higher number of young people know to RMM in Reigate & Banstead:

- The numbers across Woking, Guildford, Elmbridge and Reigate & Banstead are the highest. These 3 areas have a larger population than other district and boroughs.
- Reigate & Banstead have the largest number of children and families in Surrey and the largest number of children on child protection plans
- Towns / Urban areas tend to see higher levels of Criminal Exploitation, and this may be related to higher levels of transient populations and drug use.
- Transport links to London and the Southeast coast mobilise criminal activity
- It is also noted and accepted that the RMM process has highlighted and encouraged professional services to report cases for consideration and discussion at RMM.

- A high number of cases means a high number of young people and their families are receiving attention, support, and protection from the RMM process and subsequent actions
- Officers from the Community Safety Team in Reigate & Banstead support this process with ASB tools and enforcement powers where necessary and appropriate.



BOROUGH AND DISTRICT RMM CASES AS OF THE END OF FEB 2022



Question 5 – Party in Lower Kingswood - Members asked about the outcome of the case involving a party in Lower Kingswood. The Borough Commander said that he would obtain some information to share with residents.

Written Answer

The offender was found guilty. The Borough Commander is still waiting for information on the fine, sentence and whether there is the possibility of an appeal.