



Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact, it can also occur through the use of technology.

It is also important to emphasise that CSE is a form of child abuse.

With the ever-increasing use of online gaming and social media communication, the risks to young people have also increased. All schools are dealing with increases in incidents involving online grooming and youth produced sexual imagery.

Some key facts

- 75% of parents do not put parental controls on devices before handing to their children
- Average age for new smart phone is 8yrs old
- The Police are only aware of 5% of CSE cases in the UK
- There has been a 60% increase in the amount of reports regarding CSE
- 76% of children aged between 12-15 are online
- 7% of under 13 year olds have had a request for an indecent image
- 24% of under 13 year olds have had contact online from a person they have never met before

Please have a look at the Parents and Carers section of the following website to learn more about unhealthy teenage relationships, spotting the signs of CSE, how to help your child keep themselves safe and for further support!

<http://knowaboutcse.co.uk/parents/>

Look, listen, ask, ask again, be curious....

Children or young people may be tricked into believing they're in a normal or loving, consensual relationship. They might be invited to parties and given drugs and alcohol. They may also be groomed online.

Some children and young people are trafficked into or within the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Sexual exploitation can also happen to young people in gangs.

If you suspect a child may be at risk, or have any information relating to child sexual exploitation, call the Council on 01454 866000 or the Police on 101. If a child is in immediate danger, dial 999 straight away.





Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.



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Need to talk to us, but would prefer to text?



Text us on [07749723552](tel:07749723552) between 3:00pm and 5:00pm Monday-Friday

Please speak to us for support or advice!

Contact us Via Email:

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External Agency Support



Both OTR and CYN can offer comprehensive support on all issues. They offer youth clubs, 1-1 support and their websites can be used for students to find advice and information on a range of topics.

Kooth offer free, anonymous online support. You can encourage students to use Kooth on any issue.

