

What can I do?

In your work you may see or suspect cases of child sexual exploitation. Talk to your manager, staff and colleagues about what you would do to protect children from being put at risk where you work, and how you could take action if you did suspect abuse.

If you do see any of the signs of sexual exploitation, or you feel that something is suspicious, you can take steps to help protect young people by:

- contacting the police on 101 or 999 if a young person appears to be in immediate danger
- raising your concerns immediately with your manager or other senior staff, who may have specific procedures for child protection concerns
- letting customers know that your company will not tolerate child sexual exploitation
- letting young people know how to get help, for example by putting up information about children's helplines or local services
- telling the police and your local council about your concerns

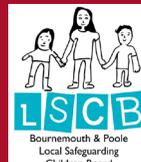


Helplines:

- Dorset Police by calling **101**, or in an emergency **999**
- Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**
- Local Authority Children's Social Care:
 - Bournemouth: **01202 458102**
 - Poole: **01202 735046**
 - Christchurch: **01202 474106**
 - Ferndown: **01202 877445**
 - Weymouth & Portland: **01305 760139**
 - Bridport: **01308 422234**
 - Dorchester: **01305 221450**
 - North Dorset: **01258 472652**
 - Purbeck: **01929 553456**
 - Out of Hours: **01202 657279**

For more information visit:

- Barnardos:
<http://www.barnardos.org.uk>
- NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**
help@nspcc.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk/childsexualexploitation
- National Helpline for male victims of CSE:
07808 863 662
- UK safer internet centre website:
www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre: www.ceop.police.uk
- CEOP resources suitable for parents and children of different ages:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.stopitnow.org.uk
- www.internetmatters.org



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

If you see a child in a situation that worries you..

don't think "what if I'm wrong?"

- think "what if I'm right?"



Everyone has a responsibility to safeguard children and young people.

Help cut children and young people free from sexual exploitation.



Contact us:

101

or call 999 in an emergency



Sexual exploitation affects thousands of children and young people across the UK every year. Most sexual exploitation takes place in private, but public places such as cafes, hotels, bars, parks or taxis can be used to meet, groom and abuse children. If you suspect exploitation you can take steps to help cut children free from this horrific abuse.

What is child sexual exploitation?

Sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse, in which young people up to 18 years old are manipulated, or forced into taking part in sexual activity. This could be as part of what looks like a consenting relationship, or in return for attention, money, food, alcohol or somewhere to stay.

The young person may think that their abuser is their friend, or even a boyfriend or girlfriend. But the abuser will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the young person to do things they don't want to do. The abuser may physically or verbally threaten the young person or be violent towards them. They will control and manipulate them, and try to isolate them from friends and family.

How does it happen?

Any young person could become a victim of child sexual exploitation; the crime affects both girls and boys, from any background and of any ethnicity. It is the organised and deliberate exploitation of a child purely for the sexual gratification of adults.

There are three main types of CSE:

1. Inappropriate relationships – this usually involves one perpetrator who has inappropriate power or control over a young person. There is often a significant age gap and the victim may believe they are in a loving relationship.
2. 'Boyfriend' model – the perpetrator befriends and grooms the young person into a 'relationship' and then convinces or forces them to have sex with friends or associates. This is sometimes associated with gang activity. Peer exploitation is where young people are forced or coerced into sexual activity by peers and associates. Sometimes this can be associated with gang activity, but not always.
3. Organised sexual exploitation – young people are passed through networks, possibly over geographical distances, where they are forced into sexual activity with multiple men. This often occurs at 'sex parties' and the young people may be used to recruit others into the network. Some of this activity is described as serious organised crime and can involve the organised 'buying and selling' of young people by perpetrators.

What are the signs?

Members of the public and those in Service industries such as taxi drivers, bus drivers, hotel staff, door staff, security officers and people working in food outlets might notice signs like:

1. A young person who is distressed and / or shows signs of assault
2. A young person who says that something bad has happened to them
3. A young person who may be a runaway
4. Overhearing conversations that suggest an inappropriate relationship
5. A significantly older 'boyfriend' or 'friendships that don't seem right
6. Going by taxi to a hotel or other venue to meet a group of adults who do not seem to be family members
7. Being taken into a hotel room by one or more adults who do not seem to be family members
8. Being in a hotel room which is visited or requested by a number of additional adults
9. Being picked up or dropped off in cars by unknown adults
10. Being out late with older adults who do not seem to be family members
11. Being bought alcoholic drinks by adults, or appearing to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol
12. Being bought food or drinks by a much older adult whom they seem to see as a boyfriend / girlfriend
13. Being in the company of adults who are known or suspected of being involved in adult prostitution
14. Indications of sexual activity with one or more adult who is significantly older than the young person.
15. Indications of sexual activity involving a young person who you know or suspect to be under 16.