

Child Sexual Exploitation



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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,



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- It can also be for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.
- The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual

‘Boyfriend Model’

Four stages of control:

1. Ensnaring

Providing a young person with gifts and an expensive lifestyle

2. Creating Dependency

Encouraged to cut ties with family and friends

3. Taking Control

Of all aspects of their life

4. Total Dominance

They will do anything in order to please their ‘boyfriend’

Gang Model

- Gang create dependency (drugs, alcohol, emotional, links to organised crime)
- Peer Recruitment
- Sense of belonging for victim
- Fear

Online CSE

- Most common type of sexual exploitation
- Often overlooked as parents don't see the dangers within their own walls
- Offenders maintain control

Signs of CSE

- Changes in peer group
- Getting into cars (going cruising)
- Associating with unknown men from outside the family's contacts
- Associating with other children thought to be involved in sexual exploitation
- Reports that children have been seen in places known to be used for sexual exploitation
- Unexplained items / wealth
- Use of transport without means to pay
- Frequent episodes of running away or going missing



What can you do?

- FIB forms
- Contact PPU / CSE co-ordinator
- NRM referral (NCA website)
- MASH referral



FIB forms

- Short and to the point
- Who is the source and how do you know this info
- As much detail as possible
- Intel only

FIB forms

DO NOT REPORT CRIMES ON FIB



What can Police do?

- Drugs warrants
- SIG markers
- CAWN's
- Vehicle reports
- Enforcement visits
- Immigration checks



Exploitation Hub

- Date still to be confirmed
- Will encompass CSE, county lines, criminal exploitation, MDS and any other exploitation of children
- Chaired by Senior Police
- New team within Children's Trust, ASW's to be confirmed however potentially EH workers