

# 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