

What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

- A form of sexual abuse
- When children and young people receive “something” (e.g. food, alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, somewhere to stay) for taking part in sexual activity
- When offenders have power over their victims
- When perceived consent does not undermine the abusive nature of the act

Some Known ‘Hotspots’

- Shopping centres
- Arcades
- Fast food outlets
- Alcohol outlets (inc. corner shops)
- Pubs/clubs
- Public parks
- Car parks
- Organised events
- Public transport hubs
- Taxi ranks
- Hotels
- Public sex environments
- Public conveniences
- Leisure facilities

What are the signs to be aware of?

- Young person being out late/overnight
- Age inappropriate clothing/heavily made up to look older
- Adults who appear to have control over young person
- Young people getting into cars with adults who don’t appear to be family members
- Young person being taken into a hotel room by, or visited by, one or more adults who do not seem to be family members
- Alcohol being bought for the young person
- Young person is withdrawn and appears afraid of authority figures
- Young person going by taxi to a hotel or other venue to meet a group of adults who do not seem to be family members
- Young person being out late with older adults who do not seem to be family members
- Overly sexualised language and/or behaviour
- Young person being bought food or drinks by an older adult whom they seem to see as a boyfriend/girlfriend
- Indications of sexual activity with one or more adult who is significantly older than the young person
- Indications of sexual activity involving a young person who you know or suspect to be under 16 years.

How does this make me feel?

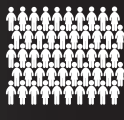
- I’m worried for them?
- None of my business?
- Do their parents know?
- Oh well – we were all young once?
- Wouldn’t let mine or those close to me do this?
- What if that was my child?

If you feel a young person is in immediate danger call 999

If you have concerns about a young person or a situation you have witnessed **call 101**

Always take notice of behaviour, note descriptions of individuals/clothing/vehicles.

And remember CSE relates to anyone aged under 18 years.



Sexual exploitation affects **thousands of children and young people** across the UK every year.



CSE involves perpetrators grooming their victims in a range of ways, such as in **person, via mobiles or online**, to gain their trust before emotionally and sexually abusing them for their own gain.



Despite common perception, this is an issue that affects both **girls AND boys** alike.



Barnardo's is the largest provider of child sexual exploitation **support services** in the UK. We worked with over **5000 children, young people and their family members** in 2015-16.



Victims are often **too scared** to come forward, or might not even recognise that they are being exploited. They need our help.



Most sexual exploitation **takes place in private**, but public places are often used to meet, groom and abuse young people.



Children are most vulnerable to sexual exploitation between the **ages of 13 and 15**, but younger victims are being targeted all the time.



As a business, you may notice **behaviours that give you cause for concern**, it may be nothing but it also may be something. It is important you don't keep any concerns to your self.