

**Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

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**What is child sexual exploitation?**

The sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive something (e.g. food accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affections, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities.

Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of technology without the Child's immediate recognition; for example being persuaded to post sexual images on the internet/mobile phones without immediate payment or gain.

In all cases those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and /or economic or other resources. Violence, coercion and intimidations are common, involvement in exploitative relationships being characterised in the main by the child's or young person's limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and /or emotional vulnerability

DCSF, 2009

**Key facts about CSE**

- Age - Sexual exploitation often starts age 12-13
- Gender – affects girls and boys (but lack of knowledge on young men, CEOP 2011)
- Ethnicity – happens in all communities
- Vulnerability - Any young person can be targeted
- Especially vulnerable groups
  - Looked after children
  - Children leaving care
  - Children missing from school, home or care
  - Children with learning difficulties
- Victims may be trafficked (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally)

Jago and Pearce (2008)

**School role**

- Be aware of CSE Risk Assessment Tool to be able to pick up vulnerabilities / indicators – use flowchart to understand the appropriate response.
- Build protective factors for young people – school attendance / engagement in after school and organised activities.
- Engage parents early where there are concerns.
- Raise pupil awareness of e-safety, grooming and exploitation.
- Be vigilant about who is around school

If you are concerned speak to the DSL/ Deputy. Concerns should be reported to local Police (101). Advice from Poole Social Care 01202 735046

**Further information:** S:\Safeguarding\CSE

## The grooming line



