

What to do if you are worried about Child Sexual Exploitation

WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION?

CSE can happen in many ways, young people may believe they are in a relationship, be invited to parties or be given alcohol and drugs by people they believe to be friends. Often young people do not realise they are at risk of being exploited, because offenders are very clever at manipulating them and in the early stages of the grooming process young people are often given gifts and taken to exciting places.

Sometimes abusers use violence and intimidation to frighten or force a child or young person, making them feel as if they've no choice. They may lend them large sums of money they know can't be repaid or use financial abuse to control them.

Anybody can be a perpetrator of CSE, no matter their age, gender or race. The relationship could be framed as friendship, someone to look up to or romantic. Children and young people who are exploited may also be used to 'find' or coerce others to join groups.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED THAT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VICTIM OF CSE YOU CAN:

call the police on 101

call or text 'stop CSE' on 116000 or visit www.stop-cse.org/saysomething

talk in confidence to Childline on 0800 555 111

call Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111 or visit <http://crimestoppers-uk.org>

call NSPCC advice and support - 0808 800 5000 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999