

Child Sexual Exploitation

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What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

- ▶ **A type of sexual abuse**
- ▶ **Grooming**
- ▶ **Child may not be aware they are being abused**
- ▶ **Involvement with gangs**
- ▶ **Often 'trafficking'**
- ▶ **Often violence and intimidation**
- ▶ **Anyone can be perpetrator – regardless of age, race, gender.**



Types of CSE

- ▶ **In person or online**
- ▶ **Perpetrator gains child's trust**
- ▶ **Coerced / forced to post / send explicit images of themselves**
- ▶ **Sexualised conversations**
- ▶ **Film or stream sexual activities**
- ▶ **Exert power and control over child**
- ▶ **Child May be violated / assaulted by one or many individuals.**



Signs of child sexual exploitation.

- ▶ Unhealthy or inappropriate sexual behaviour
- ▶ Being frightened of some people, places or situations.
- ▶ Being secretive.
- ▶ Sharp changes in mood or character.
- ▶ Having money or things they can't or won't explain.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

CSE IS A FORM OF SEXUAL ABUSE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SEXUALLY EXPLOITED IN RETURN FOR GIFTS, MONEY, DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.



IF YOU KNOW OR SUSPECT A CHILD IS IN DANGER, CALL 999.

Signs of child sexual exploitation (cont...)

- ▶ Physical signs of abuse, like bruises or bleeding in their genital or anal area.
- ▶ Alcohol or drug misuse
- ▶ Sexually transmitted infections
- ▶ Pregnancy.





Know how to spot the signs of **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**:



Changes in behaviour, involved in criminality, self-harm, suicidal



Breakdown of relationships with family and friends



Dramatic changes in appearance e.g. clothing or weight



Signs of physical harm, sexual health issues



Unexplained gifts or new possessions



Meeting with, and / or receiving phone calls / texts from unknown adults



Go missing from school or home



Using drugs or alcohol

Other things you might notice

- ▶ **Having an older boyfriend or girlfriend.**
- ▶ **Staying out late or overnight.**
- ▶ **Having a new group of friends.**
- ▶ **Missing from home or care, or stopping going to school or college.**
- ▶ **Hanging out with older people, other vulnerable people or in antisocial groups.**
- ▶ **Involved in a gang.**
- ▶ **Involved in criminal activities like selling drugs or shoplifting.**

Grooming

- ▶ **Any child is at risk of being groomed.**
- ▶ **Both boys and girls can be groomed.**
- ▶ **Vulnerable children are more at risk of grooming, e.g. children in care, with disabilities or who are neglected can be targeted by groomers.**
- ▶ **Groomers exploit any vulnerability to increase the likelihood a child or young person will become dependent on them and less likely to speak out.**

Effects of child sexual exploitation

- ▶ **Struggle with trust**
- ▶ **Become Isolated**
- ▶ **Fail exams**
- ▶ **Drop out of school / education**
- ▶ **Abuse alcohol / drugs**
- ▶ **Get involved in criminal behaviour**
- ▶ **Become pregnant**
- ▶ **Experience unemployment**
- ▶ **Mental health issues**
- ▶ **Attempt suicide**
- ▶ **Self-harm**
- ▶ **Become homeless.**

If a child reveals abuse

- ▶ **Listen carefully**
- ▶ **Let them know they have done the right thing telling you**
- ▶ **Tell them it is not their fault**
- ▶ **Take the child seriously**
- ▶ **Do not confront the alleged abuser**
- ▶ **Explain to the child what you will do next**
- ▶ **Report / make a referral ASAP.**



Preventing CSE

- ▶ **Talk to children about staying safe**
- ▶ **Know what to do if you are worried about gangs**
- ▶ **Help keep children safe online.**





Drug
or alcohol
misuse



Online abuse



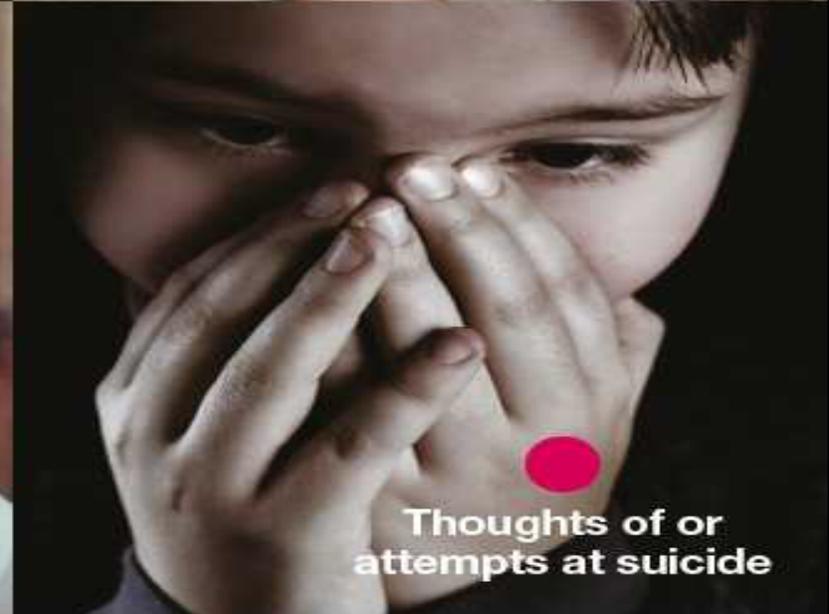
Self harm



Physical
injuries



Absence
from school



Thoughts of or
attempts at suicide

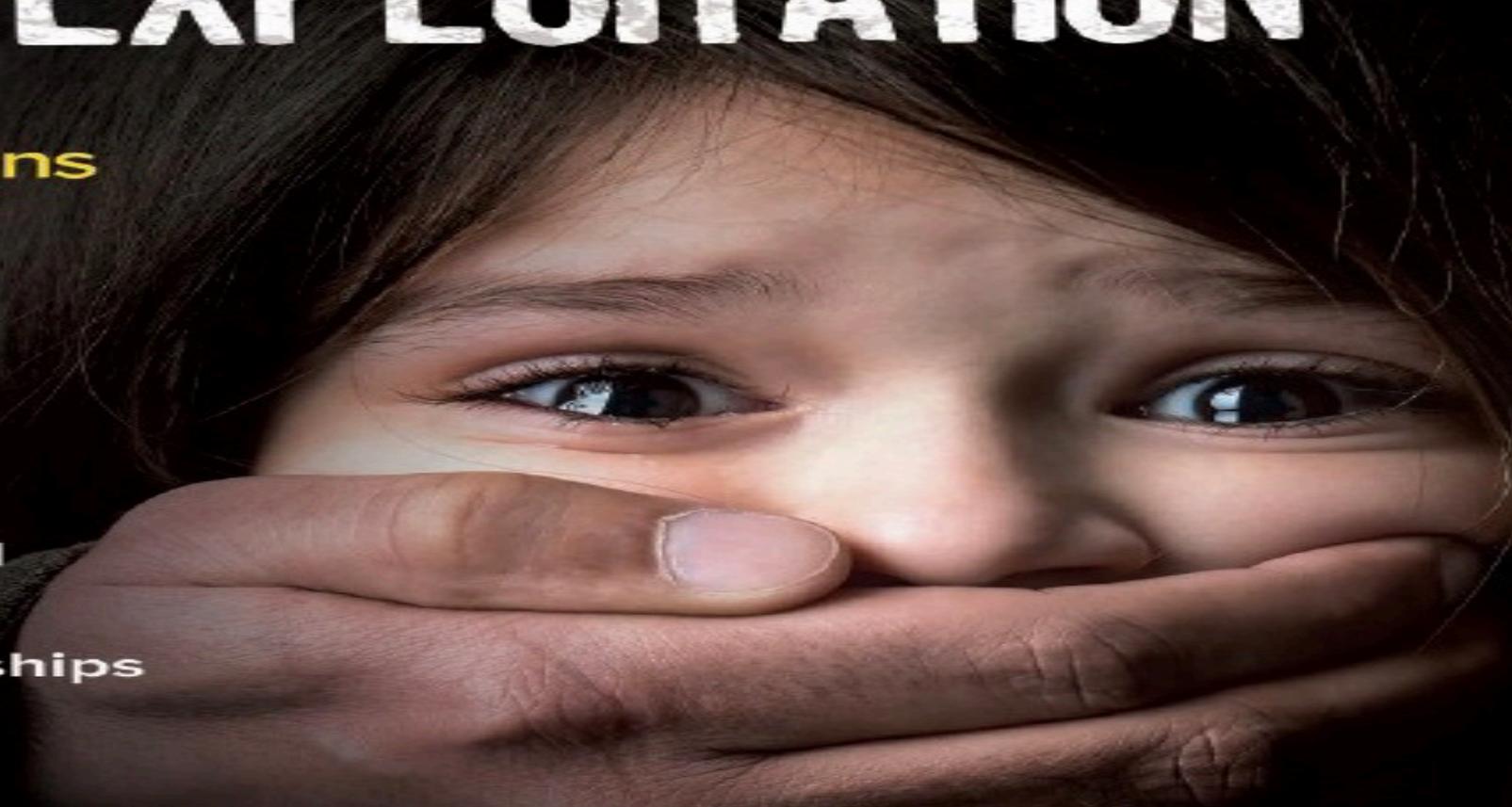
Child sexual exploitation is abuse and a crime
#spotthesigns

SPEAK OUT **AGAINST CHILD** **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

**Recognise the signs
and speak out**

- Going missing from school or home
- Unexplained gifts
- Changes in behaviour and/or appearance
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Signs of physical harm
- Breakdown of relationships with family and friends

SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING



**Follow your
safeguarding
procedures.**



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