

Websites for more information and support

<http://paceuk.info/>
<http://knowaboutcse.co.uk/parents/>
www.parentinfo.org.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.childrenssociety.org.uk/CSE
www.nwg.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk
<http://parentzone.org.uk>
www.barnardos.org.uk

Bath & North East Somerset are working with partnership agencies to address the impact of child sexual exploitation. Sexual exploitation of children and young people is completely unacceptable and we are determined to do all we can to help stop it.

If you are concerned about a child please call Social Care Duty team on 01225 396313 or if you would like to remain anonymous please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

If you would like more information about CSE and the work in B&NES please go to: www.bathnes.gov.uk

If you would like further information about CSE and the work in B&NES please go to: www.bathnes.gov.uk/lscb

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Child Sexual Exploitation



Leaflet for parents

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Someone taking advantage of you sexually, for their own benefit. Through threats, bribes, violence, humiliation, or by telling you that they love you, they will have the power to get you to do sexual things for their own, or other people's benefit or enjoyment (including: touching or kissing private parts, sex, taking sexual photos)

The young person may think that their abuser is their friend, or even a boyfriend or girlfriend. But they will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the young person to do things they don't want to do. The abuser may physically or verbally threaten the young person or be violent towards them. They will control and manipulate them, and try to isolate them from friends and family. *(quote from a young person)*

Who does it affect?

This type of abuse could happen to any young person from any background. It happens to boys and young men as well as girls and young women. The victims of abuse are not at fault. Abusers are very clever in the way they manipulate and take advantage of the young people they abuse

Signs to look out for:

- unexplained gifts
- changes in mood
- going missing
- staying out late
- being secretive about where they are going
- lack of interest in activities and hobbies

- missing school
- new or multiple mobile phones
- using drugs or alcohol
- unexplained physical harm such as bruising or cigarette burns

What can you do as a parent?

Talk your children about healthy relationships

Ask them about what they are getting up to and who their friends are, listen to them, Take an interest in what your child is doing online

Teach your child the 5 key Childnet SMART Rules –

S – SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your name, email, phone number, home address, or school name – to people who you don't know online.

M – MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents'/carers' permissions & when they can be present.

A – ACCEPTING

Accepting e-mails, IM messages or opening files from people you don't know or trust can be dangerous – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

R – RELIABLE

Someone online may be lying about who they are, and information you find on the internet may not be reliable.

T – TELL

Your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried