

Child Sexual Exploitation

You can
help us stop
children
being
exploited



What is child sexual exploitation?

It's a form of sexual abuse where a young person is encouraged or forced into taking part in a sexual act. It could be as part of a seemingly consensual relationship or in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or somewhere to stay.

The young person may think the abuser is their friend, or even their boyfriend/girlfriend, but the abuser will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the young person to do or see things of a sexual nature.

The abuser may or may not use violence, but they will control and manipulate their victim, trying to isolate them from friends and family.

The victims are not at fault, and sometimes not even aware it is happening. Abusers can be very clever in the way they manipulate, groom and take advantage.

Sunrise

We are the multi agency team that tackles sexual exploitation and related harm in the borough of Rochdale. We bring together professionals from the police, council, sexual health service and Early Break.

Tackling child sexual exploitation together

Sexual exploitation affects young people and children across the UK every day. Things you may see or hear that don't seem 'right' could be signs that exploitation could be or is happening. Everyone has a role to play in protecting children, helping them to avoid this horrific form of child abuse and stop the perpetrators in their tracks.

How it happens

Sometimes young people are 'groomed' by an abusing adult who befriends them and makes them feel special by buying gifts or giving them lots of attention. Young people can be targeted online or in person. Sexual exploitation can also occur between young people of a similar age.

Young people who are having difficulties at home, regularly go missing or have been in care may be particularly vulnerable but this kind of exploitation can happen to any young person.

Look out for the signs and BE ALERT

Sexual abuse can be very difficult to identify, so we all need to be alert. Children who have been sexually abused may show a variety of signs and symptoms, including:

- Becoming withdrawn, anxious or clingy.
- Going missing and/or regularly returning home late.
- Appearing with unexplained gifts.
- Depression/aggressive behaviour.
- Alcohol, substance misuse, promiscuity.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, TELL US.

Where it happens

There are many places that abuse can occur. You may notice suspicious activity on the street, in vehicles, hotels or around properties in residential areas. Our experience has shown CSE can occur in all types of accommodation. From secluded bed-sits, flats, rooms above late-night commercial premises, even apparently unoccupied dwellings, and everything in between.

Our officers regularly make unannounced visits to premises when intelligence is received regarding possible child sexual exploitation or any other issues, such as breaches of fire or occupancy regulations.

But we need your help, so if you see or hear anything suspicious, tell us.

We all have a duty to stop this abuse.

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If you are concerned that a child is at risk of sexual exploitation or have concerns about a location in the borough please contact:

Rochdale First Response Team on 0845 226 5570

What you can do

- Always be alert to signs of abuse, suspicious activity or behaviour.
- Contact us with ANY concerns. You can be assured that appropriate action will be taken, and we'll keep in touch with you so you know what we are doing.
- Tell your colleagues and friends to read this leaflet, and to be aware.
- Find out more about CSE and what you can do about it on our website.

Contact us

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