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# Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Information Leaflet



## What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

This definition of child sexual exploitation was created by the UK National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People (NWG) and is used in statutory guidance for England:

*“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, affection, 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 intimidation are common, involvement in exploitative relationships being characterised in the main by the child or young person's limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and/or emotional vulnerability. “

## Recognise the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation

Parents, carers and professionals coming into contact with children are urged to look out for signs of CSE.

The signs can be very difficult to identify, young people who are being sexually exploited may:

- be involved in abusive relationships, intimidated and fearful of certain people or situations;
- hang out with groups of older people, or anti-social groups, or with other vulnerable peers;
- associate with other young people involved in sexual exploitation;
- get involved in gangs, gang fights, gang membership;
- have older boyfriends or girlfriends;
- spend time at places of concern, such as hotels or known brothels;

- not know where they are, because they have been moved around the country; and
- go missing from home, care or education.

## CSE - Toolkit for Professionals

The 'Tackling CSE Toolkit' has been put together to provide advice for all professionals on their responsibilities in relation to identifying CSE and what action should be taken if it's identified. The toolkit and presentations from the Northants Tackling CSE Conference held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 can be viewed on the website: [www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk](http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk)

## Tackling CSE Toolkit - how to use it

The toolkit is divided into a series of chapters. Teams should download, read and act on the information provided in chapters that apply to their respective service. An online video presentation introducing the CSE toolkit can be viewed on the website and will help provide context for the toolkit.

## CSE Assessment

The CSE Assessment has been designed for use by professionals working with children and young people who may be vulnerable to, being targeted for or involved in child sexual exploitation.

This includes concerns that the young person's internet use is putting them at risk of CSE.

