

Spotlight on..... Child Sexual Exploitation

Relationships can be confusing for young people, and that's why children and young people find that all of a sudden they are being abused in some way in their relationship.

Many just don't know what a healthy relationship is, and what's unhealthy, especially when they enjoy getting attention.

But because they don't have much experience in relationships and are still working out what their emotions mean, they don't recognise when they are uncomfortable, and what makes a good relationship and what doesn't.

They don't realise that a healthy relationship is one where they can say how they feel, and shouldn't be controlled. They don't understand that it's never OK to be exploited or abused, and that they need to listen to themselves and make sense of how they feel.

Spot the signs of CSE

Child sexual exploitation can be hard to identify. A change in behaviour in a young person may often seem like normal teenage behaviour, but it could be something far more serious.

Victims of CSE may show some of the following signs:

- ✓ Bruising on their arms or body
- ✓ Regularly using drugs or drinking alcohol
- ✓ Mood swings, aggression towards others
- ✓ Truancy or a drop in performance at school
- ✓ Self-harm - e.g. cutting or eating disorders
- ✓ Seeming scared
- ✓ Change in appearance, or borrowing clothes from others
- ✓ Always tired

- ✓ Having marks or scars on their body that they try to hide
- ✓ Avoiding usual friends
- ✓ Unexplained relationships with older people
- ✓ Staying out late, not returning home
- ✓ They have unexplained gifts, expensive clothes, mobile phones
- ✓ Unexplained money, frequently taking part in activities requiring money
- ✓ Spending a lot of time online

Useful resources

Consent explained <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQbei5JGiT8>

Childline, Healthy relationships [childline -healthy-unhealthy-relationships](#)

Support and advice - [Parents Against Child Exploitation \(PACE\)](#) - Offers support to concerned or affected parents including an online advice centre.

[www.parentinfo.org](#) equip parents with the information and knowledge to safeguard children from this abuse.

[CEOP's - thinkuknow](#) offers advice to parents of children at primary and secondary school, including how to talk to your child.

[Barnardo's](#) have produced a list of social media and digital platforms that young people use and explains what each one does and what the risks are.

Togetherall

This online platform offers wrap round support students

Community - Clinically managed online forums where people help people. Design tool to enable the creative expression of difficult emotions.

Courses - Wide range of self-guided group and individual courses covering mental health and lifestyle topics.

Resources - Library of useful articles and resources, plus helpful tests and features to track progress.

To register, visit www.togetherall.com and use your college email address to create your account.

For click to get the low down on togetherall [information clip](#)

Understanding the different Regional threats

Right-wing extremist ideologies vary, to a point. Cultural nationalism and white nationalism promote similar beliefs that 'western culture' and/or the 'white race' is under threat from mass migration and a lack of integration of certain ethnic and cultural groups. White supremacists believe, simply, that the 'white race' is superior to other races. Fundraising is often through encouraging donations via PayPal and cryptocurrency, or the sale of merchandise.

Islamist terrorism remains the largest and most enduring threat to the UK. Individuals are often inspired/directed by international terror organisations, such as Daesh (ISIL) and Al-Qaeda, who seek to impose a global Islamic state, through violence. Charitable giving within the Islamic community can be exploited. The unregulated nature of transactions also makes it difficult to distinguish between genuine and illicit causes, for donors and the authorities alike.

Left-wing, anarchist and single issue terrorism (LASIT) seeks to revolt and replace the state's economic, political and social system by establishing a communist or anarchist structure and a classless society. Anarchism rejects all forms of hierarchical structure and authority, whereas single-issue causes seek to change a specific policy or practise (e.g. militant animal rights and environmental activism, anti-fascism and incels/involuntary celibates). Most LASIT activity sits within the protest space, and does not meet the terrorism threshold.

Attacks by **self-initiated terrorists** (lone actors working independently to a network) is a national priority, having increased significantly in recent years and reflected a trend towards low-complexity attacks (e.g. bladed weapons and vehicles). The solitary and unpredictable nature of this type of perpetrator, combined with short planning times, means attacks can be difficult to disrupt.

An 'extremist' condones and supports harmful ideologies. A 'terrorist' is motivated by extreme ideologies to perpetuate violent action.

Local threat

In South Yorkshire there has been leafletting by Right Wing Extremist groups, spreading hatred and attempting to radicalise.

In Nottinghamshire there has also been increased concerns relating to Right Wing Extremists and the use of social media to recruit new members.

Be aware that many extremist and terrorists are moving away from main stream social media and using less moderate platforms such as Gab and Telegram.

You can always contact the Safeguarding Team about any concerns you have about your young person's safety or someone else's safety. Email safeguarding@rnnngroup.ac.uk for advice and guidance

Safeguarding 24

Please advise your young person to look out for the blue shield when they are logged onto their google account on chrome. This allows them to report concerns directly to the safeguarding team.

This video explains how this reporting works

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New Code word scheme

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, ask for 'ANI' in a participating pharmacy. 'ANI' stands for Action Needed Immediately but also phonetically sounds like the name Annie. If a pharmacy has the 'Ask for ANI' logo on display, it means they're ready to help. They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you need support from the police or other domestic abuse support services.



Prevent – ACT early

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Act early by sharing your concerns in confidence. You won't be wasting anybody's time and you won't ruin lives, but you might save them.

<https://actearly.uk/>

Modern Slavery

A man and a woman were arrested in north Nottinghamshire on suspicion of committing modern slavery offences.

In a joint operation by the GLAA and Nottinghamshire Police, investigators arrested a 25-year-old man and a woman, 22, at a home in Mansfield in December following allegations people were being trafficked into the town from other parts of the UK, with the intention of financially exploiting them.

They were detained on suspicion of human trafficking and labour exploitation offences and released under investigation following questioning.

Detective Inspector Paul Lefford from Nottinghamshire Police, is working alongside the GLAA. He said: "The GLAA and Nottinghamshire Police will continue to work together on this investigation and any other that involves the exploitation of vulnerable people.

"Modern Slavery can present in many forms and is a complex and often hidden crime. We work very closely with partner agencies to investigate and respond to concerns regarding anyone who is potentially a victim of modern day slavery.

"Increased awareness and training for first responders has significantly improved the way this type of abuse is being tackled. I would urge anyone with concerns regarding someone being exploited to contact the police or the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700."