

Safeguarding

NEWSLETTER- SPRING TERM 1

What is child criminal Exploitation?

This is where a child under the age of 18 is manipulated, coerced or pressured into taking part in activities that results in committing a criminal, offence. This can take place online or in person.

young people may be targeted by gangs, county lines or by individuals involved in crime.

Children and young people are often targeted for child criminal exploitation as they're less suspicious for criminal activities, get a lighter sentence and easier to recruit.

The key signs to look out for are;

- Frequently truanting school.
- Have unexplained money/valuable items
- Taking drugs and abusing alcohol.
- Changes in behaviour and becoming withdrawn from family and friends.
- Having an additional phone.
- Becoming secretive of where they are or who they are seeing.

What's in this terms newsletter?

- What is child criminal exploitation and Child sexual exploitation?
- What is knife Crime?
- what to do if you are worried about these?
- Half term support and activities
- The safeguarding team!

What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse. It happens when a child or young person is coerced, manipulated or deceived into sexual activity in exchange for things that they may need or want like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection.

Children or young people are often tricked or manipulated into this so they believe they are apart of a loving, consensual relationship.

Watch this video to gain a more in depth explanation;
[I'm Being Exploited | Northamptonshire Police](#)
[\(northants.police.uk\)](http://northants.police.uk)

Spot the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation

Children are often groomed into believing they are in a relationship with the exploiter. They can be manipulated into sexual acts through blackmail, threats and coercion. Children may be given items such as money, drugs and phones. The offenders can make the child feel protected, loved or dependent on them. Children can be exploited online without ever meeting the offender.

Some facts



- Children can be targeted from any location or background
- Offenders can be male, female, groups or individuals
- Victims of CSE rarely disclose their abuse

Signs

- ➔ Frequently going missing from home or school
- ➔ Being secretive
- ➔ Physical signs of abuse
- ➔ Changes in mood or behaviour
- ➔ Unexplained absences from home or school
- ➔ Anxiety/distress over mobile phone
- ➔ Unexplained money, mobile phones, clothes or electronics
- ➔ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ➔ New friends or associates who they are secretive about
- ➔ Unexplained injuries or marks

Worried about your child?

Contact the Police

If you think a young person is in immediate danger, call the Emergency Services on 999.

Contact Pace

Parents can access support and advice from Pace about how to intervene early, liaise with local services and put measures in place to keep children safe from exploitation.

www.paceuk.info



Spot the signs of criminal exploitation

Children are being groomed and forced into criminal activity.
It can include moving drugs, theft and deceptive crimes.
Knowing the signs can help to intervene early and keep children safe.

Some facts



- Boys and girls are both at risk
- Children tend to be living at home
- Children are being targeted in every area of the UK

Signs

- ➔ Frequently going missing from home or school
- ➔ Coming home after missing episodes looking unwell
- ➔ Being found with drugs
- ➔ Being found in a different area
- ➔ Increasingly disruptive or aggressive at school and home
- ➔ Anxiety/distress over mobile phone
- ➔ Unexplained money, mobile phones, clothes or electronics
- ➔ Increased interest in money
- ➔ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ➔ Having friends or associates who they are secretive about

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Gangs

Signs your teen may be involved

When things get out of hand

Gangs are often linked to criminal activity, so it can be useful to recognise certain types of behaviour and signs that your teenager may be involved in gang-related crime.

Change of behaviour

Recently your teenager has been avoiding you, stays out late and spends time with a new group of friends you don't know.



Gang identity

A group may be classed as a gang if it has a name, a defined territory and uses symbols shown in tattoos or graffiti.

Visual signs

Your teenager is dressing differently, wearing expensive goods, has unexplained physical injuries or speaks with friends in 'code'.



Police

The police may identify your teenager as a gang member if he/she is arrested in the company of identified gang members.

What parents can do...

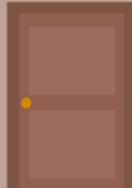
If you think your teenager has become involved or to prevent them becoming involved

As a parent you can help protect your teenager by understanding the issues, recognising the signs and getting further help and support if you need it.



Be there for them

Be present in their day-to-day life as much as possible so they are not vulnerable.



Listen

Listen to your teen and have open communication on a day-to-day level. Find out about what they do, who they are with etc.

What's your plan for today?

A conversation

Talk to your teenager without judgement. Help them see the bigger picture in life, getting a positive education and the life choices they make.

Local services

Using local services such as youth services, finding them work or volunteering so they don't have time to be a part of a gang. Extra-curricular activities like a gym, boxing, cooking, whatever they are interested in.



Weapons

If you suspect a weapon at home, it's vital to check.

Seek help

Seek advice and get further support below.

Find out more

To find out more about gangs visit:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/behaviour/gangs/>

Family Lives is always here to support you through difficult times.

For support call our confidential helpline on 0808 800 2222, email us at askus@familylives.org.uk or chat to us online.

Knife crime.

Knife crime is any offence where a sharp object is used or possessed. This includes carrying a knife or threatening someone with a knife. Although rates have dropped in recent months in Northamptonshire for knife crime- the rate at last years statistics was 718 crimes committed which were classed as knife crime.

Police have utilised their stop and search powers to confiscate illegal weapons.

Knife crime very closely links with child criminal exploitation and is a result in high number of knife crimes committed by young people. All of the points below may be the reason a young person carries a knife- these are all ILLEGAL:

- For premeditated harm to others.
- Carry for a friend/gang member.
- For protection of themselves or others.
- No use at all just to show peers.

→ -CALL 999 in an emergency.

-Report online or via 101 if you suspect such behaviours.

-talk to your child's school with any worries.

-Report any signs of changes in behaviour of your child to school or police.

What to do if you're worried.

SCHOOLS ACTIONS

At Kettering Science Academy all staff take knife crime very seriously, inside and outside of school. We liaise with outside agencies to ensure support is readily available for those young people who may be involved in such crimes or at risk of becoming exploited.

As the principal has previously explained we have Mick Leonard a PSCO attending KSA fortnightly who is supporting the school and community in tackling knife crime, amongst other things.

Ensuring knife crime is a spoken about topic with pupils at KSA so that all pupils are educated on the implications and risks behind this.

The safeguarding team and pastoral team are open for any communication from parents who have any worries in regards to the above- please do get in touch with us for further support.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Support for parental separation:



Northamptonshire Children's Trust Transitions

Supporting Separated Parents

Have you recently separated from your partner and you feel that your child is 'caught in the middle'? Are you experiencing problems with your extended family, your new partner or your ex? Do holidays and birthdays cause arguments?

If this sounds familiar, Family Transitions Triple P can help. Our transitions programmes gives you new ways to help protect your child – and yourself – from the fallout from a family split.


We have programmes starting soon at:

**Newton Road Children's Centre, Rushden,
9.30am-11.30am, Friday 23rd February until
22nd March**

For more information or to book please contact
CFSS@nctrust.co.uk



YOUNG PERSON'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP-IN



EVERY TUESDAY 4-8PM
CORBY MIND, 18 ARGYLL ST
CORBY, NN17 1RU

EVERY THURSDAY 4-8PM
KEYSTONE, 97 ROCKINGHAM RD
KETTERING, NN16 9HX
01536 518339

IN A BIT OF A CRISIS?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP.
JUST COME ALONG

SEXUAL
HEALTH
ADVICE AND
SUPPORT ALSO
AVAILABLE

Need relationship
advice? Having
trouble at school?
Contraception
support? Come
talk to us for
free and
confidential
support and
advice.

**YOUTH
WORKS**

COUNSELLING & SUPPORT



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
IN KETTERING

I WANT TO MEET UP

I WANT TO CALL

CALL 24/7 0800 448 0828

I WANT TO TEXT

CRISIS POINT

Contact us 01536 532700

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