

A close-up, black and white photograph of a child's face, showing the eye, nose, and mouth. The child has a serious expression. The background is dark.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It happens when a child or young person is encouraged, or forced, to take part in sexual activity in exchange for something such as presents, money or emotional attention. It can happen to any child or young person. The presence of perceived consent does not undermine the abusive nature of the act.

Do you have concerns about a young person?

Signs to look for:-

- vulnerable through alcohol or drugs
- aggressive mood swings
- signs of self harm/suicidal thoughts
- inappropriate sexualised behaviour or language
- much older boyfriends/girlfriends
- going missing from school or home
- staying out late/over night
- urinary infections
- unexplained money, new mobile phone or other expensive items
- seen in locations or areas which raise concern
- hiding messages received on social media/phone
- increased isolation from friends

If you recognise one or more of these signs and have concerns...ASK and ACT!

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ASK...

- What have I seen?
- What have I heard?
- What do I feel is unusual or concerning?
- What has actually happened?
- What is my concern?
- What is this telling me?
- What should I do now?

ACT...

- **Doing nothing is not an option!**
- **Protecting and keeping children and young people safe, is everyone's duty!**
- **Keep your focus on the child or young person - their safety is paramount!**
- **Do not assume someone else will do something!**
- **Do not delay unnecessarily - act quickly!**
- **Look, listen and record your concern!**

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Police Scotland
101 (to report a crime)
999 (in an emergency)



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