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Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



What is Child exploitation?



Child sexual exploitation is a type of sexual abuse.



Child sexual exploitation can happen to boys or girls who are under 18 years old.



Child sexual exploitation is when an adult uses a child for sex or sexual things.

They might give a child treats, drugs, food or money if they do sexual things.



The adult may contact a child on the internet.

They might ask the child to put pictures of themselves on the internet



Then they may start to threaten a child.

By making threats they will try and get a child to do what they want them to.

Things to look out for



The child may start missing school.



The child may not want to come home.



The child may bring home presents or money that you did not know about.



They may start to hurt themselves or try and commit suicide.



**The child may have an older boyfriend or girlfriend.
The child may start drinking alcohol or using drugs.**



The child / young person may have a sexual infection, get pregnant or lose a baby because of a miscarriage.



They may have injuries that look as if they have been hurt or abused.



The child may use their phone or computer in secret.



The child may start to change the way they look and behave.

They may get involved in crime.

Their behaviour may become more sexual.



The child might get moody, withdrawn and quiet, or they may get angry and aggressive.

The Child may be involved with other children who are at risk of exploitation.



They may get involved with gangs or be collected by car by adults that you do not know.

The internet and Child Sexual Exploitation



Child are very good at getting on to the internet without help from their parents.

Phones and computers can be used to get on the internet at any time.



Not everyone on the internet is who they say they are. People tell lies. They use pictures that are not real and they do not tell the truth about who they really are.



Some parents do not understand the internet and how dangerous it can be.

A child who does not have many friends and spends a lot of time on their own is at greatest risk of exploitation.



What to do if you are worried

Everyone needs to make sure children and young people are safe.



Child sexual exploitation is a type of sexual abuse and everyone needs to stop abuse from happening.



If you think a child or young person living in Devon is at risk of abuse you should call the Police on 999 or 101.



You can also ring the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071. A social worker will listen to what you say.

There is more information about MASH on the Devon County Council website.



