

## CSE – Child Sexual Exploitation

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse. When a child or young person is exploited, they're given things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection, in exchange for performing sexual activities.

Children and young people are often tricked into believing they're in a loving and consensual relationship. This is called grooming. They may trust their abuser and not understand that they're being abused.

Children and young people can be trafficked into or within the UK to be sexually exploited. They're moved around the country and abused by being forced to take part in sexual activities, often with more than one person. Young people in gangs can also be sexually exploited.



Sometimes abusers use violence and intimidation to frighten or force a child or young person, making them feel as if they've no choice. They may lend them large sums of money they know can't be repaid or use financial abuse to control them.

Anybody can be a perpetrator of CSE, no matter their age, gender or race. The relationship could be framed as friendship, someone to look up to or romantic. Children and young people who are exploited may also be used to 'find' or coerce others to join groups. (NSPCC)

**Staff** training and information is disseminated through our Safeguarding training and in updates.

**Students** learn about this through assemblies and our Personal Development programme, visiting speakers and in curriculum time. They learn about keeping themselves safe and what to do if they have a concern.

**Parents** can find help and advice by following these links:

	For information about CSE and how to spot this: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/howto-spot-child-sexual-exploitation/">https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/howto-spot-child-sexual-exploitation/</a>
	NSPCC information: <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/typesofabuse/child-sexual-exploitation/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/typesofabuse/child-sexual-exploitation/</a> helpline: 0808 800 5000