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Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness (CSE)

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WHAT IS CSE?

Child sexual exploitation is a type of modern slavery when a male or female under 18 is sexually exploited for the benefit or gain of someone else. The benefit or gain can come in many forms such as increased social status or financial gain. Some victims are also trafficked for the purpose of exploitation.



Any young person regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or class can be exploited.

This means they are forced into sexual acts or the misuse of sexual images.

In return, they, or another person, may be provided with drugs, alcohol, or other items of value or other basic necessities such as affection or attention. Sometimes they are threatened with violence or shame.



Sexual exploitation of children and young people can occur in a variety of ways:

Online – through things such as the internet, social media, smart phone apps and games consoles
Through people the person will know, this might include other children or young people, family or friends or someone in power
Through parties
Through gangs
Through grooming and coercion
Through opportunist situations.



The internet is used by child abusers, as the anonymity of social networking sites and instant messaging can provide easy access to children and young people.

Using the internet means that sexual exploitation can also occur when the child has no direct contact with the person exploiting them. For example, the child is groomed to post sexual abuse images of themselves on the internet for the gratification of another person.