

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

Young people under the age of 18 who are encouraged, trapped, forced or coerced into a sexual relationship or situation by an adult.

It often involves the young person being offered something in return for performing sexual acts, such as alcohol, cigarettes, gifts, money, drugs and affection.

Child Sexual Exploitation has become an issue which is affecting our community and could be happening around us, including where you work.

In the past few years, public awareness of child sexual exploitation has increased but too many children and young people are still victims. We have been working to raise awareness of the issue but we need the help of local businesses to protect children at risk of being exploited or help those who are already victims.

National and local evidence shows that CSE takes place in hotels, pubs, internet cafes and places licensed to sell alcohol and that taxis are used to transport young people who are then exploited. Therefore it is your responsibility to help protect children and stop the sexual exploitation of children from happening.

Although child sexual exploitation isn't always easy to spot there are signs to look out for which could indicate that it is taking

place where you work. If you come across a situation that looks or feels suspicious, talk to your supervisor and contact the police.

The important thing is not to ignore suspicious behaviour and to report anything that doesn't seem right.

Protecting children is everyone's responsibility. Remember, your observations and phone call can make all the difference to a sexually exploited child.

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HOTELS

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

- Adult guests who appear secretive about their visit or trying to conceal that they are with a young person
- Adults guests refusing to leave credit card and paying in cash
- Adult guests requesting a room that is isolated
- Bookings made in a different name to those who check-in
- Last minute/walk-in bookings
- Numerous adults and young people coming to the hotel who do not appear to have a reason for being there or high levels of visitors to a guest room
- Guests who move in and out of the premises regularly at unusual hours
- Guests arriving and asking for a specific room number without knowing the name of the person who the room is booked under
- Guest rooms with a lot of condoms/condom wrappers, drugs/drug paraphernalia (e.g. syringes, wraps, pipes, bongs, broken light bulbs, spoons, plastic bags) and evidence of excess alcohol consumption
- Adult guests who don't want their room cleaned or visited
- Adult guests who do not have any luggage or ID
- Young people with boyfriends/girlfriends who seem to be much older
- A pre-paid bar tab to a room where children stay
- Use of porn channels in rooms with children

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