

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS A SERIOUS CRIME.

IN THE
WRONG
HANDS?

WARNING SIGNS AND BEHAVIOURS

- Missing from home or care
- Physical injuries
- Involvement in offending
- Repeat sexually-transmitted infections, pregnancy and terminations
- Absent from school
- Change in physical appearance
- Evidence of sexual bullying
- Vulnerability via the internet and/or social networking
- Estranged from their family
- Receipt of gifts from unknown sources
- Recruiting others into exploitative solutions
- Poor mental health/self-harm
- Thoughts of or attempts at suicide
- Abuse of substances
- Abuse in the relationship

CSE VULNERABILITIES INCLUDE

- Chaotic/dysfunctional household
- Parental substance use, mental health issues and criminality
- Domestic abuse and/or neglect
- History of abuse - familial sexual abuse, risk of forced marriage, risk of 'honour'-based abuse, physical and emotional abuse
- Recent bereavement or loss
- CSE Gang association
- Friends/association with sexually exploited young people e.g. school
- Learning disabilities
- Unsure about their sexual orientation/family unaware
- Homelessness
- Lacking friends from the same age group
- Living in a gang neighbourhood
- Living in residential care
- Living in hostel, bed and breakfast or a foyer
- Low self-esteem or self-confidence
- Young carer

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If, as a worker I see any of the CSE signs or behaviours in a young person or if I hear anything that might alert others to where children may be exposed or be placed in a vulnerable situation what should I do?

If the child is in immediate danger, call the police. Otherwise follow the LSCB Procedures section 3.13.34 @ [www.teescpp.org.uk /sexually-exploited-children](http://www.teescpp.org.uk/sexually-exploited-children)

If you have information, however small, that could be part of the jigsaw of information being gathered to help stop Child Sexual Exploitation contact your Designated Officer: Safeguarding Children.

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DO YOU KNOW A VULNERABLE YOUNG PERSON
WHO NEEDS A HELPING HAND?