

IS A CHILD YOU KNOW CURRENTLY BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED?

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR



Adults befriending young people including buying them vapes, food and drinks



Missing from home



Absent from School



Not engaging with usual friends



Unexplained access to money



Receiving gifts from unknown sources



Displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour



Drug or alcohol misuse



Sharp change in mood or character



Change in appearance



Poor mental health and self-harming

**DON'T IGNORE YOUR GUT FEELING
THAT SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT**

SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Young people, boys and girls, under the age of 18 who are encouraged, coerced, manipulated or deceived into a sexual relationship or situation.

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

CSE has become a national issue which is affecting our community and could be happening around us, including to a child you know.

Although CSE isn't always easy to spot there are signs to look out for which could indicate that it is taking place. It is your responsibility to help protect children and stop the sexual exploitation of children happening. The important thing is not to ignore suspicious

behaviours and 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.

In the past few years, public awareness of CSE 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 from members of public, parents and guardians to protect children at risk of being exploited or help those who are already victims.

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Report online: herts.police.uk or call 101.

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