

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Springwell Community College is committed to helping safeguard our children by encouraging parents/carers and the wider community to recognise and respond to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) by spotting the signs and highlighting the fact that CSE can, and does happen in Derbyshire.

CSE is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity. Any child can be sexually exploited regardless of culture, ethnicity, religion or gender from any background

What are the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation?

The following are some of the indicators that may **lead towards** CSE. This is not a prescriptive or exhaustive list:

Sexualised behaviour - children appearing to be in 'relationships' with over 18's

Absence - truancy from home/school, out in the day or late at night

Family issues - domestic abuse and neglect

Emotional and physical health - low or excessively high self-esteem, changes in appearance, self-harming, concerning appearance or behaviour

Gang involvement and criminality - children can be at risk from older children/adults who are known to be part of organised criminal gangs

Use of technology – excessive calls/texts, extensive use of social media to meet people, sexting, secretive about online activity, having to keep mobile phone with them all the time.

Alcohol and drug use (becoming problematic) - children being bought alcohol by adults

Receipt of gifts and unexplained money

Distrust of authority and change in behaviour - consider whether these are children troubling rather than troublesome?

Where can I find out further information about CSE?

STOPCSE
AWARENESS DAY 18TH MARCH



For more information or support surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation, visit the website www.stop-cse.org/

This national service seeks to raise awareness amongst young people of the risks and dangers of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and provide advice on how to keep safe and where to seek support.

Young people are able to report CSE through a free, 24/7, anonymous helpline provided by "Missing People".

"Missing People" will send disclosed information about child sexual exploitation to relevant statutory agencies and will expect an appropriate local safeguarding response. The charity will also help the person reporting to be safe, and access support where needed.

Stop-cse.org also has many other useful links on its website under the '**What is CSE**' tab, '**Report an incident**' section, including site for parents to find out more about and report CSE concerns - **Parents Against Child Exploitation** – <http://paceuk.info/>