



Cledford Primary School

Staying Safe Guide

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a Key Risk Area within Cheshire East Safeguarding Board's Business Plan, and has recently been an area of major national concern.

'Sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive 'something' (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities.'

Children and young people can be manipulated or forced into taking part in a sexual act either within a seemingly consensual relationship or in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or somewhere to stay. They may think the abuser is their friend/ boyfriend/girlfriend or they may be physically or verbally threatened, or be subjected to violence. They also may be controlled, manipulated, and isolated from friends and family.

Possible signs of CSE

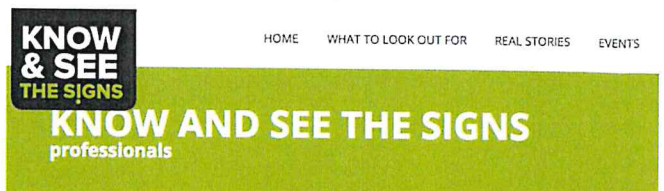
- Going missing for periods of time or regularly coming home late;
- Regularly missing school or education or not taking part in education;
- Appearing with unexplained gifts or new possessions;
- Secretive about e-communications
- Associating with other young people involved in exploitation;
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends;
- Suffering from sexually transmitted infections;
- Mood swings or changes in emotional wellbeing;
- Drug and alcohol misuse; and
- Displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour.

Further information/advice



The easy to navigate website below is full of further information, support and resources for parents, children and professionals.

www.knowandsee.co.uk



Is CSE relevant in Primary Schools?

CSE is potentially a child protection issue for all children under the age of 18 years. Cheshire East uses a screening tool when assessing children at risk that applies to those aged 10 years old and above, but nationally children as young as 8 have been abused in this way. Boys as well as girls are abused through CSE.

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