

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: IT'SNOTOKAY.



Help is available

If you have any concerns that a young person you know may be a victim of child sexual exploitation advice is available at

www.itsnotokay.co.uk

The website has details of local specialist teams in your area. You can also report it to Greater Manchester Police by calling 101 or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. If someone is in immediate danger, dial 999.



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Any young person could become a victim, regardless of their social or ethnic background.

Victims are often coerced into sexual relationships which they confuse with love and attention.

They risk damage to their physical, emotional and psychological health

Information and advice for young people, parents, and professionals is available at www.itsnotokay.co.uk

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Child sexual exploitation is child abuse. It's when someone takes advantage of a young person sexually, for their own benefit. Through threats, bribes, violence, humiliation, or by telling them that they love them, they will have the power to get them to do sexual things for their own, or other people's benefit or enjoyment (including: touching or kissing private parts, sex, or taking sexual photos).

The young person might think that their abuser is their friend or boyfriend but the abuser might physically or verbally threaten them and be violent towards them. They will control and manipulate them and try to isolate them from friends and family.

In organised sexual exploitation, young people are passed through networks where they are forced into sexual activity with a number of men. This often takes place at 'sex parties' and the young people may be used to recruit others into the network.



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There is no stereotypical victim of exploitation, but these warning signs are an indication that a child may be being exploited:

- Regularly missing from home or school and staying out all night
- Change in behaviour - becoming aggressive and disruptive or quiet and withdrawn
- Unexplained gifts or new possessions such as clothes, jewellery, mobile phones or money that can't be accounted for
- A significantly older 'boyfriend' or 'friend' or lots of new friends
- Spending excessive amounts of time online or on their mobile and becoming increasingly secretive about this activity
- Sudden involvement in criminal behaviour or increased offending
- Sexual health problems
- Change in physical appearance

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