

Child Sexual Exploitation

Information for Parents/Carers

We would like to direct you to three excellent services of advice and support.

Pace – Parents against child sexual exploitation www.paceuk.info

Barnado's www.barnados.org.uk and

Parents Protect www.parentsprotect.co.uk

These resources will answer all your questions and provide clear, informative, concise leaflets for parents.

Keep a look out for the SIGNS and remember young people that are victims of CSE often do not realise they are being exploited.

There are a number of **tell-tale signs** that a young person may be being groomed for sexual exploitation.

- Going missing for periods of time and regularly returning home late
- Regularly missing school or not taking part in education
- Appearing with unexplained gifts or new possessions
- Associating with other young people involved in exploitation
- Involvement in offending
- Physical injuries
- Having older girlfriends or boyfriends
- Suffering from STIs
- Mood swings or changes in emotional wellbeing
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour
- Poor mental health
- Estranged from family

Remember the abuser befriends the young person and makes them feel special by buying them gifts or giving them lots of attention. The abuser will have some kind of power over the young person. It may be the abuser is older or more emotionally mature, physically stronger or that they are in a position where they are able to control the young person.

Young people who are having difficulties at home regularly go missing or have experienced care may be particularly vulnerable.

Our pastoral staff are here to support you with any issue concerning your son/daughters emotional health and wellbeing. Please feel free to contact us with any worries or concerns or for more information. Pastoral leaders, mentors and Di Harris, the Safeguarding Lead, are all available to support.

Contact dharris@qehs.net