

Child Protection Committee



South Lanarkshire



**Information
for children and
young people on
Child Sexual Exploitation**

**South Lanarkshire
Keeping Children Safe**

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What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is when a young person under 18 is manipulated or forced into taking part in a sexual act in exchange for material goods, reward or affection.

This means that someone may be tricking you into having sexual contact with them or other people and in return giving you gifts, money, favours, somewhere to stay or drugs and drink.

The person doing this could be male or female. They may know you or they will look for places where young people hang out or will create false profiles and make contact with you on the internet.

They normally show an interest in you and offer you a cigarette, drink or just someone to talk to. They may buy you presents and to keep in contact with you buy you a mobile phone.

This process is called grooming and makes you trust them. They may enter a sexual relationship with you, treat you kindly and take you to nice places. You will think everything is fine and that you are in control.

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Over time, your relationship with them might change and they may force or persuade you to have sex with them and others or film you doing sexual things.

They may do things that are dangerous and against the law such as taking or selling drugs, or they may be involved in some form of criminal activity.

The law and your rights

- ☉ In Scotland a child or young person is anyone under the age of 18
- ☉ It is everyone's job to protect you from harm, abuse and exploitation
- ☉ The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child has the right to be free from abuse, exploitation and kidnap
- ☉ It is against the law for anyone to have sex with a person under the age of 16
- ☉ It is illegal for a person of authority such as a doctor, teacher and carer etc to engage in a sexual act with anyone under the age of 18



No child or young person can consent to being abused

All children and young people across South Lanarkshire have a right to be cared for and protected from harm and/or abuse.

It's everyone's job to make sure they are alright and that they get the help they need when they need it.

**If you need help or you have concerns
regarding a friend please contact:**

Social Work Resources

0303 123 1008

or

Police Scotland

Non emergency number 101

In an emergency call 999

If you need this information in another language or format, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs. Phone: 0303 123 1015

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