

South Lanarkshire

Information for taxi and private hire drivers on Child Sexual Exploitation

South Lanarkshire Keeping Children Safe

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What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is sexual abuse that can affect any child and young person, anytime, anywhere and from any background.

It involves perpetrators grooming youngsters and using their power to sexually abuse them. It could be a seemingly 'consensual' relationship with an older person, or a young person manipulated into having sex in exchange for material goods, reward or affection.

Does your customer appear to be:

- onder 18 years old?
- with an older person/s and appear to be in a relationship with one of them?
- Inder the influence of alcohol or drugs?
- sing your service regularly to visit multiple locations or the same location?
- Incomfortable, agitated or stressed?
- going to a hotel, house party or secluded location?

If you have answered yes to any of the above...

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Ask

Ask yourself the following questions:

- What have I seen?
- What have I heard?
- What do I feel is unusual or different?
- What has actually happened?
- What is my concern?
- What is this telling me?
- What should I do now?

and **Act**

- Doing nothing is not an option!
- Protecting children and young people and keeping them safe is everyone's job!
- Keep your focus on the child or young person – their safety is paramount!
- Do not assume someone else will do something!
- Do not delay unnecessarily act quickly!
- Look, listen and record your concern!
- Contact Police Scotland or Social Work Resources

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 have concerns or require more information 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 Email: <u>equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</u>

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