



Recognising Sexual Exploitation

A one day training course for professionals working directly with children, young people and their families

The aim of this training programme is to:

- Equip and inform professionals, at all levels, to understand the issues of, and those surrounding, the sexual exploitation of young people.
- Train workers on how to recognise sexual exploitation at its early stages and its impact on the young person.
- Help professionals to understand clear pathways on how to refer those young people who are at risk into the relevant agencies with the expertise to deal with issues.

This course does not provide a “tool box” or train professionals to deal with the issues of sexual exploitation themselves, but is geared to promote early intervention on a multi-agency level. The facilitators are Train the Trainer qualified by Just Whistle, are CEOP Ambassadors and are the recognised provider by Walsall Safeguarding Board.

The course uses materials, DVDs such as Dangerous Lover Boy and information from CEOP, National Working Group, UKHTC, as well as our own resources.

Breakdown of Content and Subjects Covered:

1. The Grooming Process

- The different stages and techniques used to groom
- Correct terminology
- Society’s view and the reality of young people at risk

Outcomes:

- To understand grooming and its techniques
- To use the correct terminology when talking about child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- To understand how young people, both boys and girls, are at risk of sexual exploitation

2. Warning Signs

- To establish risk indicators in young people’s behaviour and lifestyle
- To consider the level of risk for young people and compare this to the common assessment framework national indicators

Outcomes:

- To be able to spot the signs of a young person at risk through their lifestyle and behavioural changes
- To be able to establish what level of risk the young person is at and to promote early intervention

3. Recent Developing Trends

- Internal Trafficking
- Crews / gangs
- Runaways
- Technology's impact on exploitation
- "Sessioning" and "link up sex"

Outcomes:

- To be aware of current trends, what they are and how they have a impact on sexual exploitation

4. Pathways to Referral

- How to refer and to whom
- What happens next
- The CARE panel

Outcomes:

- To give clear understanding on how to refer, when to refer, and to whom.