

Operation Make Safe Briefing For Local Authority Employees

Working Together to Stop Child Sexual Exploitation



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Learning Outcomes

- Understand what is meant by Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Know how to identify signs and indicators of CSE in the community
- Understand why it is your responsibility to report any concerns about CSE
- Understand the aims of Operation Make Safe
- Know how to report concerns of CSE to Operation Make Safe

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

Vulnerable young people aged under 18 who are manipulated into a sexual relationship or situation by an adult or young person.

It is known for children as young as 10 to be subjected to this abuse, which often involves young people being offered something in return for performing sexual acts. These acts, and the grooming that goes along with them, could take place in a number of places, including licensed premises, hotels, transport hubs, fast food outlets, and parks. Grooming can take place online, and offline.

Gifts can include alcohol, cigarettes, mobile phones, gifts, money, drugs, affection.

Any child or young person can be affected, including children with disabilities or learning difficulties.

Watch [this short video](#) for 10 key facts about Child Sexual Exploitation.



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Signs and Indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation You Might Notice in the Community

- Young people who are secretive about who they are hanging out with
- Young people with significantly older boyfriends/girlfriends
- Frequent visitors to a particular flat/house
- Number of different people visiting a particular flat/house
- Tenants/residents who move in and out of the premises regularly at unusual hours
- Individuals who appear to be monitoring public areas
- Customers who appear to be under the age of 18 in the clubs/pubs/bars
- A young person who appears withdrawn or appear afraid, disorientated or acting under instruction
- Young persons who appear overly made up
- Teenagers loitering in public areas/external areas of premises
- Locations with a lot of condoms or condom wrappers
- Signs of alcohol, drug or substance misuse
- Noise complaints

This [video](#) shows you what CSE can look like from a young person's perspective.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Why it is your responsibility to report any concerns

Child sexual exploitation is abuse.

Most importantly, we all have a responsibility to work together to keep children and young people safe.

In addition, under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, you are legally required to report any suspected criminal activity.

We need to learn from lessons that came from serious case reviews about CSE in Rotherham, Rochdale and Oxford and speak out if we notice something is wrong.



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

SAY SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Operation Make Safe

Operation Make Safe is a campaign led by the Metropolitan Police Service in partnership with London boroughs raising awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation within the business community including hotels, taxi companies and licensed premises.

The campaign aims to identify potential victims of Child Sexual Exploitation and, where necessary, deploy police officers to intervene prior to any young person coming to harm.

Businesses such as hotels, licensed premises and taxi companies are being provided with awareness training to assist them in recognising the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation. They are directed to call 101, quoting Operation Make Safe, should they suspect suspicious behaviour or activity on their premises or in their vehicles.

Metropolitan Police Service call handlers have also received specialist training to identify calls relating to Child Sexual Exploitation and provide the appropriate advice and police response.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Aims of Operation Make Safe

Prepare

Provide strong local leadership and effective systems in partnership to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation

Prevent

Raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation among the business community to prevent incidents / repeat incidents of Child Sexual Exploitation within their premises/environment

Protect

Establish working practices that enable the safeguarding of vulnerable young people and support to victims.

Pursue

Establish a framework for a flow of intelligence and information to assist agencies to disrupt, arrest and prosecute offenders.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



What to do if you see something

70% of reported incidents of suspected child sexual exploitation correctly identified a child at risk.

- **Call the police on 101** and quote **Operation Make Safe**.
- **Your call is confidential.** You can be confident that anything you report to the police will remain confidential and will not be a risk to you or the council.
- Police call handlers will ask you a series of questions.
- **Preserve evidence.** Do not move items, until the police arrive or instruct you otherwise.
- The police will follow up the call with an investigation.
- If you have safeguarding concerns about a young person, contact the Local Authority Front Door for Children' Services (links at the end of presentation)
- In an emergency, please call 999.



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.



Thank you for reading

Together, we can make Operation Make Safe a success and help to identify and protect children and young people at risk.

More information about Child Sexual Exploitation is available from the [Local Safeguarding Children Board website](#)

[CSE e-learning: Keep Them Safe: Protecting Children from CSE](#) for more in-depth knowledge about signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation.

Reporting concerns about a child or young person:

If you want to report any abuse or discuss concerns in relation to children and young people please contact the appropriate Local Authority Children's Services Front Door:

- Hammersmith & Fulham - familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk or tel: 020 8753 6600
- Kensington and Chelsea - socialservices@rbkc.gov.uk or tel: 020 7361 3013
- Westminster - accesstochildrensservices@westminster.gov.uk or tel: 020 7641 4000

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IS ABUSE. DON'T MASK THE PROBLEM.

**SAY SOMETHING IF
YOU SEE SOMETHING**
Call **101**, Operation Make Safe.

