

Hello all,

It's Exploitation Day on Thursday and therefore, I wanted to share some information and awareness for the day.

National Child Exploitation day is Thursday, 18th March 2021. We want all of our service partners to join us to raise awareness about exploitation on this day. Awareness raising is key to help identify victims and abusers. It also ensures recovery and disruption is at the heart of our responses.

Exploitation is when an abuser takes advantage of a child for their own personal gain. This can take many forms, including sexual exploitation or forcing the child to commit crime. When it comes to exploitation, there is no 'perfect victim', any child can be exploited.

We know children do not consent to their abuse, as they do not have choice. We also know, the many ways in which abusers will groom, coerce, threaten, force and abuse. The only way we can tackle exploitation is through working together, so we can jointly intervene to protect children from being abused.

To start the conversation and support us to raise awareness about exploitation, we would like you to join us by posting a personal pledge on your hand using social media [#CEADAY21](#) and [#HELPINGHANDS](#) [#SAYSOMETHING](#). When you post the hand pledge, it will represent a personal commitment, what you will do to support and protect an exploited child.

Below are a number of useful Websites in relation to Child Exploitation:

[Child sexual exploitation \(CSE\) | Barnardo's](#)

[Edge North East Ltd](#)

[County Lines & Child Exploitation | The Children's Society](#)

[Home - Fearless](#)

[What We Do - www.bespaceaware.co.uk](#)

[Parents Against Child Exploitation \(Pace\) UK](#)

[Who are we \(outofthe-shadows.co.uk\)](#)

[Contextual Safeguarding Network – The Contextual Safeguarding programme, and the team who deliver it, are part of the International Centre: Researching child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking \(IC\) at the University of Bedfordshire](#)

[Child sexual exploitation | NSPCC](#)

[Criminal exploitation and gangs | NSPCC](#)

[Child Sexual Exploitation | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

[County lines | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

Many Thanks

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Regards



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