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### Child Exploitation Awareness Day: 18th March 2023

National Child Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Exploitation; encouraging everyone to *think, spot and speak out* against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers. For further information please click on the following links: *NWG I NWG Poster* 

The Children's Society

# Spot the Signs of Child Exploitation: #Look Closer

Spot the Signs! Get to know the signs of child exploitation and how to report it through the #LookCloser campaign.

To access the campaign please click on the following link: #Look Closer



# No More Knives or County Lines!

Have you checked out Christina Gabbitas's video about her book: *No More Knives or County Lines*? Christina Gabbitas is an award winning author who in this video discusses a story on No More Knives or County Lines.

To watch the video please click on the following link: **No More Knives or County Lines** 



### **Grooming**

Do you know that grooming is the manipulation of a child/adult with the intention of exploiting/abusing them? This can happen to both children and adults online or in person, by a stranger or by someone they know. Grooming is a gradual process.

For further information please click on the following link: NSPCC



### **Online Child Exploitation**

Are you aware that online sexual exploitation most commonly includes grooming, live streaming, consuming child sexual abuse material, and coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes? As technology advances, new forms of this crime emerge.

For further information please click on the following link: **ECPAT** 

CrimeStoppers.

# **Criminal Exploitation & County Lines**

Do you know how to spot possible victims of County Lines? County Lines is a very serious issue where criminals set up drug operations in a place outside their usual operating area, recruiting children or vulnerable adults to transport drugs/cash across the county. For further information please click on the following links:

<u>Crimestoppers</u> I <u>Organised Crime Briefing</u>



#### **Criminal Exploitation & Gangs**

Do you know how to help and support children/young people involved with gangs and criminal exploitation? They might be victims of violence or pressured into doing things like stealing or carrying drugs/weapons. They could be abused, exploited and put into dangerous situations.

For further information please click on the following link: **NSPCC** 

Find lots more on the HSSCP Website: https://hsscp.co.uk/

Twitter: #HSSCP1



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# Child Exploitation: A Young Person's Guide

Are you familiar with the Young Persons Guide to Child Exploitation? This useful guide will help young people understand what child exploitation is and how it affects young people.

For further information please click on the following link: A Young Persons Guide



#### **Child Sexual Abuse**

Do you know that child sexual exploitation is a type of abuse? Abusers exploit children / young people by giving them things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection in exchange for performing sexual activities. They are often tricked into believing they are in a loving and consensual relationship.

For further information please click on the following link: NSPCC



#### **Child Exploitation and Online Protection**

Are you aware of the CEOP centre which is the UK's national police agency set up to tackle online sexual abuse?

If you are worried about someone's behaviour towards a child, either online or offline, you can report this at: **CEOP** 

# **Parents Protect**

Together we can prevent child sexual abuse

#### **Parents Protect Guide**

Are you aware of the Parents Protect Guide? This useful guide provides parents with information to help protect children and young people from sexual abuse and exploitation.

For further information please click on the following link: Parents Protect



#### **Money Muling**

Do you know that money mules are recruited, sometimes unwittingly, by criminals to transfer illegally obtained money between different bank accounts. They receive stolen funds into their account, they are then asked to withdraw/wire the money to a different account, keeping some of the money for themselves.

For further information please click on: Money Muling / Young People



#### **Contextual Safeguarding**

Are you aware that contextual safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families? It recognises that the different relationships that young people form can feature violence and abuse.

For further information please click on the following link: **Contextual Safeguarding** 



#### **Tees Procedures**

Have you checked out the latest information regarding child exploitation on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website?

For further information please click on the following link:

https://www.teescpp.org.uk/