



Child Exploitation Awareness Week: 18th-22nd March 2024

National Child Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Exploitation; encouraging everyone to *think, spot and speak out* against abuse. Teesside partners are holding an awareness week to raise awareness of the issues that children in Teesside face. Follow and get involved in the campaign on our Facebook Page: [HSSCP](#)



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](#)



What is Child Criminal Exploitation?

Do you know how a child can be criminally and/or sexually exploited? Barnardos provides easy to read guides on child exploitation.

To access these resources please click on the following links: [CSE](#) / [CCE](#)



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](#)



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:

[Crimestoppers](#) / [Organised Crime Briefing](#)



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](#)



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](#)



Home Office

National Referral Mechanism and Transitioning to Adulthood

Do you know what the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is? A new 7-minute briefing has been published to give information on how children who have experienced modern slavery and exploitation can be supported in their transition to adulthood.

For further information please click on: [NRM and Transitional Safeguarding](#)



Peer on Peer Child Sexual Exploitation

Are you aware of peer on peer child sexual exploitation? Contextual Safeguarding have undertaken research into peer on peer child sexual exploitation.

For further information please click on the following link: [Peer on Peer](#)



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/>