

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

is a serious crime which is happening right now,
right here to girls and boys



Let's do our part to recognise vulnerable children and young people and get them help

What are the signs?

Victims of sexual exploitation are often unaware that they are being exploited. This type of abuse could happen to any child or young person from any background. Tell-tale signs you should look out for in a child or young person:

- Spending a lot of time and associating with an older person away from home
- Secretive mobile phone or computer use - sometimes at unsociable hours
- Regularly missing school or not taking part in education
- Missing for long periods of time or coming home late
- Suffering from sexually transmitted infections
- Appearing to have new unexplained gifts
- Showing inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Mood swings or emotionally upset
- Chatting online to strangers
- Changes in eating patterns
- Misusing alcohol or drugs

VEMT - **V**ulnerable, **E**xploited, **M**issing or **T**rafficked

For support & advice

Cleveland Police:

To share any concerns call 101 - if a child/young person is in immediate danger call 999

Barnardos:

Confidential advice and support, call 01642 300774

