

Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking and Consent

South Tyneside
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What has this got to do with me?

- Child Protection is everybody's business (not just for Social Workers or Police Officers)
- Good Practice states that everyone who comes into contact with children and families in their day to day work should know what to do if they have a concern
- Local and national cases have highlighted the fact that when we share information we better safeguard children, young people and adults at risk



Who is an Adult at Risk

- Aged 18 years or over
- Has needs for care or support (whether needs are being met or not)
- Is at risk of, or is experiencing, abuse and/or neglect
- As a result of these needs cannot protect themselves from abuse and/or neglect



Learning Outcomes

At the end of the session attendees will be able to:

- Identify what sexual exploitation and trafficking is
- Have a better understanding of the term ***consent***
- Be able to recognise a 'risky' situation and report a vulnerable person at risk
- Understand the implications of sexual exploitation on your business
- Know where and how to report concerns



The Issue of Age

How old is a child?

Any person aged under 18 years

How old is an adult?

Any person over the age of 18 years



What is Child Exploitation?

Child Sexual Exploitation is **Child Abuse**

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

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What is Adult Exploitation?

Adult Sexual Exploitation is exactly the same as Child Sexual Exploitation – **it is Abuse**

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Rotherham child sex abuse could be tip of an iceberg, say campaigners

Charities and experts argue child sexual exploitation continues in other areas that refuse to acknowledge problem

Alexandra Topping

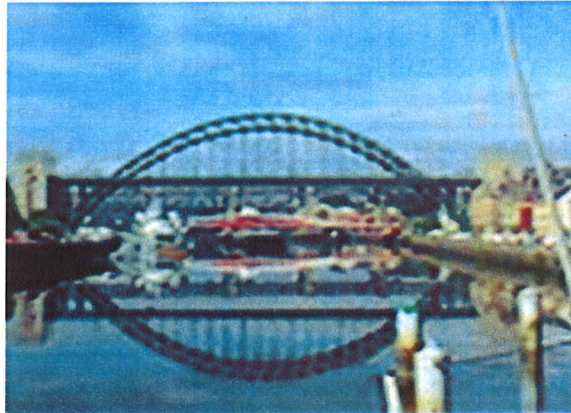
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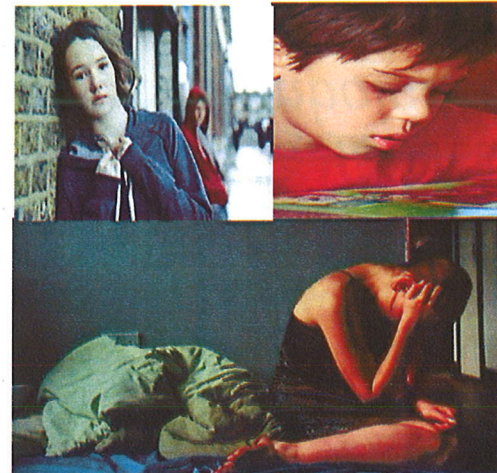
Rotherham is the subject of shocking revelations about the scale child sexual exploitation but other towns have had similar cases, with campaigners saying the problem is endemic. Photograph: Will Oliver/EPA

Operation Sanctuary

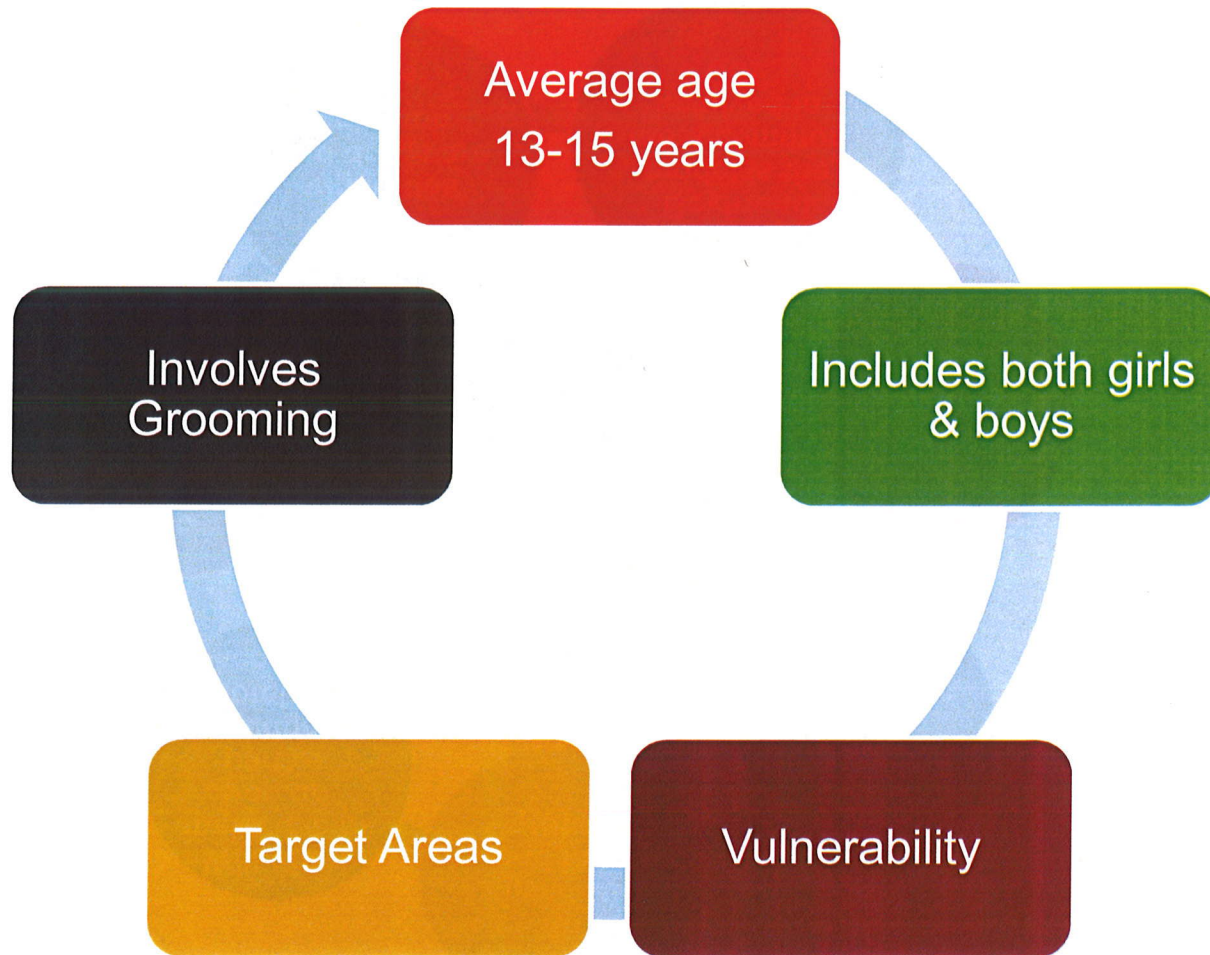


BBC News:
Modern Slavery
an the UK is “far
more prevalent
than previously
thought” says
National Crime
Agency

Middlesbrough primary school children 'targeted for sex'



What do we know about Sexual Exploitation?



Who are the Offenders?



Consent

- Consent means to say 'YES'
- The age of consent in the UK is 16 years old
- A child 13 years and younger cannot give consent
- No one can give consent under the influence of drugs or alcohol



What are we doing to stop this?

- Awareness raising with children, young people and adults at risk
- Multi-agency partners trained to spot the signs of exploitation
- Awareness raising with the local business community
- Awareness raising with the general public
- Information sharing with the Police to disrupt activities and prosecute offenders



What is Trafficking?



The definition of trafficking consists of three core elements:

- 1) The action of trafficking which means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons
- 2) The means of trafficking which includes threat or use of force, deception, coercion, abuse of power or position of vulnerability
- 3) The purpose of trafficking which is always exploitation



How can Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking affect your business?



What can you do to help?

- Be aware of the indicators of risk and the potential consequences to your business, for example:
 - **Closure Notice:** the Police can issue a closure notice in respect of premises which they have reasonable grounds for believing have been, or are likely to be, used for activities to specified child sex offences, Human Trafficking or Modern Day Slavery
 - **Closure Orders:** associated with Nuisance and Disorder. Closure Orders are Civil Orders available in the Magistrates Court which stop anyone entering or residing at a named property
 - Reputation and public perception
- Pass on any information/concerns you have
- Ensure staff are trained to recognise safeguarding concerns and are fully aware of how and where to report those concerns

Remember – A child cannot consent to be exploited and adults at risk may lack capacity to consent or may be fearful of suffering harm



How to report your concerns

- Phone 999 if risk is imminent / assault happened or likely to
- Record and report concerns to the Police on 101

For further advice ring:

- Children and Families Social Care:
 - 0191 424 5010: Normal office hours
 - 0191 456 2093: Out of hours
- Adult Safeguarding
 - 0191 424 4049: Normal office hours
 - 0191 456 2093: Out of hours



Support Available to You

- Police – Telephone 101
- Victim Support – Telephone 0845 303 0900



Any Questions?

