

Useful phone numbers and websites

Childline: 0800 1111

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP):
www.ceop.police.uk

Devon County Council, out of hours Social Care helpline: 0845 000388

Devon Youth Service:
To find your local centre visit:
www.devonyouthservice.org.uk

Devon Safeguarding Children Board:
For advice about keeping children and young people safe from harm and abuse:
www.devonsafeguarding.org/children

GUM Services: Sexual health clinics across Devon:
www.eddystone.org.uk/information-services/gum-services/gum-services-devon

MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub): receives all safeguarding and child protection enquiries in Devon. The MASH is staffed with professionals from agencies including police, probation, fire, ambulance, health, education and social care. These professionals share information to ensure early identification of potential significant harm, and trigger interventions to prevent further harm. Call **0345 155 1071** email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk or visit www.devon.gov.uk/mash

Missing Kids UK: 116 000 – a free phone and free text number for young people, parents and carers for advice before, during or after running away. www.missingkids.co.uk

REACH team: Call **0845 155 1015** email xxxxxxx@devon.gov.uk or visit www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.uk

Safeguarding in Devon:
www.devonsafeguarding.org

Think You Know: advice from CEOP about staying safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk

UK Police National Missing Persons Bureau Helpline: 08450 005 481

Y-SMART: young people's drug and alcohol services, call **0800 121 4751** (Freephone) or **01271 38816** or visit www.y-smart.org.uk



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Combating Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



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What is CSE?

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is an illegal activity by people who have power or influence over young people. It is a form of sexual abuse in which a young person is manipulated into taking part in a sexual act. It can happen directly as well as over the internet and mobile phones.
- The abuser may make the young person think they are in a relationship and are special and, as well as affection and attention, may give the young person gifts like money, drugs, alcohol or accommodation.
- Child Sexual Exploitation can happen as a result of violence or intimidation.

Who's at risk?

All young people are at risk particularly if they have gone missing, are in care or having difficulties at home, are not in education, have drug or alcohol issues, have learning difficulties or a disability, or have a history of abuse.



What are the signs?

The young person may not realise what is happening and they may feel they have no choice. However, there are a number of signs that he or she is being groomed for sexual exploitation. These include:

- Going missing for periods of time or regularly returning home late
- Regularly missing school
- Having unexplained new possessions
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- Mood swings
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour

What can a parent or carer do?

It's important to discuss with children the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships to help highlight potential risks.

- Look out for changes in behaviour or any physical signs of abuse
- Monitor any episodes of staying out late or not returning home
- Be aware of new, unexplained possessions
- Put measures into place to minimise any risks associated with the child being online

Who can I speak to?

If you are worried about a child or young person, the first thing you should do is speak to someone at the MASH, (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **0345 155 1071** or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.



Who can help?

REACH (Reducing Exploitation and Absence from Care or Home) comprises youth workers and social workers who work alongside other professionals providing specialist support, education and guidance for children and young people who are at risk of CSE, preventing further abuse. They can also work directly with young people on a one-to-one basis and get to know the young person and understand their situation.

They support young people who go missing and are at risk of becoming, or are victims of CSE and help young people understand what healthy and equal relationships should be like, encouraging them to make decisions that are safe. They spend time with young people talking about things that worry them, work at the young person's pace, recognising that CSE is a difficult subject. The REACH team also works with other agencies to help young people stay safe, explore other opportunities and become more confident.

For more information about the REACH team visit www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.uk