

# 10 things you should know about Child Sexual Exploitation



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Current national data tells us that:

- 25% of girls and 18% of boys will be physically abused by a partner by the age of 16
- 31% of girls will be sexually abused by a boyfriend by the age of 16
- 72% of girls will be emotionally abused by a boyfriend by the age of 16.

Although the statistics relate to girls as victims, child sexual exploitation, or CSE, isn't gender specific. Victims and perpetrators are both male and female.

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Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board expects that at least one member of staff in school will have completed on line CSE training.

*It is recommended for schools with secondary aged pupils that at least one member of staff attends the face to face CSE training. Dates for this can be found on the Learning Together pages on the [Northumberland County Council](http://www.northumberlandcouncil.gov.uk) website.*

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The delivery of high quality PSHE in schools is recognised as a protective factor. Teaching young people about healthy relationships will help them to understand what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in a relationship.

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Your school safeguarding policy should make reference to CSE, recognising that your school acknowledges that CSE is a safeguarding issue and that staff have received training.

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Non-attendance is one of the key risk indicators for pupils who might be victims of CSE. Make sure your recording systems are robust and non-attendance and punctuality are followed up. If young people are in alternative provision ensure that contact is maintained and you are notified of absences.

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If you have any concerns about a young person make your Designated Safeguarding Lead aware of your concern and use your school recording system to put your concerns in writing.

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All concerns involving sexual exploitation should be raised with your locality social care team. You can also seek advice from the social worker for missing children – Lorraine Topping 01670 629200.

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Resources providing more information for schools are available at this link on the [NSCB website](#) and [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) and [www.barnados.org.uk](http://www.barnados.org.uk)

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Social media is often a characteristic of CSE cases. Please ensure that you use the [NSCB e-safety incident flowchart](#) when concerns arise.

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If in doubt call the Schools' Safeguarding and Wellbeing team on 01670 622720.



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