

If you witness anything that concerns you, have been the victim of such crime or know someone who has, then please contact police who will ensure you receive the right support.

Any victims who come forward can speak to us in confidence and will be given help in accessing support, whether they want to make a statement or not.

We have already received valuable information from the public that has helped to keep women and girls safe. We need this to continue. You are the eyes and ears in the community and can help stop this.

www.stop-cse.org/saysomething



If you see something, say something.

Let us know on 101 or in an emergency call 999.



TACKLING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Protecting and safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is our priority and at the heart of all we do. We take sexual exploitation extremely seriously and it is important we continue to work closely with communities and partners to tackle these issues.



NORTHUMBRIA POLICE
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The work around sexual exploitation continues and in particular it is about everyone working together; the police, local authorities, businesses and all local communities to ensure those who may be vulnerable in some way are protected from anyone who seeks to take advantage of them by committing sexual crimes against them.

These crimes can range from those offenders who deliberately set out to target specific women and girls over a long period of time to those who commit such crimes when they come across someone in a vulnerable state as a result of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or for other reasons.

Only by working together can we make our communities safe and we all have a part to play. It is the responsibility of everyone to be vigilant and identify such criminal behaviour and to contact police if they have any concerns.

If you witness something that doesn't look right or feel right then we need to know about it.

We have had tremendous support from the public and we need this to continue. Only then can we stop such crimes and bring offenders to justice.

How does it affect you?

Those working in local businesses, the licensing trade and hotels are in a unique position to identify vulnerable women and girls who may be at risk of such crime.

We know that some offenders and victims hang around certain types of businesses and we need you to report anything to us that you are concerned about.

What to look out for:

- Women and girls frequenting/hanging around certain businesses where they meet these men. Some men may be linked to certain businesses and use them to target potential victims.
- Those working in the licensed trade should be aware of girls and women who may be vulnerable due to being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Takeaway owners should look out for girls and women hanging around outside and being befriended by groups of men.
- Hotel and bed and breakfast owners should look out for men accompanied by girls or women clearly under the influence of alcohol or drugs and young girls accompanied by older men.
- Be aware of lots of people coming and going to a hotel room especially guests who ask for a specific room number but don't know the name under which it's booked.
- Landlords should be aware of what their properties are being used for.



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