

# Parents' Safeguarding Bulletin

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### Child Sexual Exploitation

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse. Children in exploitive situations and relationships receive things such as gifts, money or affection as a result of performing sexual activities or others performing sexual activities on them.

Children or young people may be tricked into believing they are in a loving, consensual relationship. They might be invited to parties and given drugs and alcohol. They may also be groomed online.

Some children or young people are trafficked into or within the UK for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Sexual exploitation can also happen to young people in gangs.

Child sexual exploitation is a hidden crime. Young people often trust their abuser and don't understand that they're being abused. They may depend on their abuser or be too scared to tell anyone.

Over 2,400 children in the UK were the victims of sexual exploitation in gangs or groups from August 2010 to October 2011.

The NSPCC has an excellent website with further information:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/>

Other information can be found in *Alice's Dairy*, a very clever resource by Hampshire Police. The aim of the diary is to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation and help readers recognise the signs in a friend or family member. This diary is linked to the Hampshire Constabulary child sexual exploitation campaign, it is fictional but is based on elements of real examples of child sexual exploitation uncovered by police in the UK.

<https://alicesdiary.org/>

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Safeguarding and supporting your child is our purpose in posting this bulletin.

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