

Working Together with Police Officers

TO COMBAT CHILD EXPLOITATION

TIPS FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMES

ASK WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHERE

Although young people may not be forthcoming with information, concerns should be explained and information gathered. If you are suspicious about possible exploitation, establish the facts to inform risk management and policing partners. You may hold the missing piece of the intelligence puzzle.

WHEN A YOUNG PERSON LEAVES THE HOME

Establish where they are going, who they are meeting, and when you expect them to return. Be mindful of local train/bus departures, and if the young person is leaving with luggage, a passport, or money. Where there are concerns about exploitation, staff should escort/follow young people.

MISSING EPISODES

A recent photograph and description of the young person should be shared with the police. If they are collected in a car, share the registration plate and description of person/s involved. If police could not conduct a 'return interview', ensure that a thorough conversation is had the next day and share this if there are concerns/intelligence.

FOLLOWING UP REPORTS

If you have reported concerns to the police, obtain an incident reference number and/or the officer's name and 'shoulder number'. Be clear with the police that this child is vulnerable to exploitation, and explain the indicators, so that their report may be marked for follow-up.

**CHILD EXPLOITATION IS A CHILD PROTECTION ISSUE
FOLLOW USUAL CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES AND CONSIDER
CONTACTING YOUR ORGANISATION'S CHILD PROTECTION ADVISOR**

WHAT IS INTELLIGENCE?

Intelligence may be large or small pieces of information such as names, addresses, car registrations or other knowledge that may aid a criminal investigation and stop perpetrators

- You may share intelligence via the Partner's Intelligence Portal if your organisation has trained access to this
- You may ask your local police officer, CRO, or Youth Offending Officer to report intelligence on your behalf, explicitly stating it is a CSE/CCE related concern
- If a crime has been disclosed, report this to the police by calling 101
- Young people and the public may call the Barnardo's Nightwatch CSE Hotline, which is part of Crimestoppers, on 0800 389 0131 - they can be kept anonymous

