

ROSSIE'S COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)



What is CSE?

Child Sexual Exploitation is a type of abuse where children usually receive something such as gifts, money, or affection when they perform sexual activities on others or others perform sexual activities on them.

The word 'exploitation' means to take unfair advantage of someone or something. In CSE, the people who are treating children in this way are exploiting them because they're taking advantage of them.

CSE can occur in person or via technology.

It is generally agreed that exploitation is a form of sexual abuse including a form or exchange of goods offered to the young person after being manipulated, forced, coerced or deceived into a sexual act.

It is also largely agreed that the perpetrator is in a position of power over the victim by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, strength or socio-economic status.

Our CSE Strategy

In response to Scotland's National Action Plan to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation, Rossie have established a CSE working party and subsequent comprehensive strategy to address this complex change.

This strategy is embedded within the infrastructure and principles of Getting it Right for Every Child with the young person at the centre and a multi-service approach inclusive of Education, Care and Specialist Interventions Services as a means of best practice.

It is noted that Looked After Children are at higher risk of being exploited. Our plan refers to the need for peer education networks to be scoped for young people around internet safety and CSE. It also refers to training and guidance being set for residential workers and their responsibilities in regards to this.



Care Services:

- We have a project group supporting young people to learn and communicate about CSE and safety planning.
- Internet Safety Workshops.

Specialist Intervention Services:

- Development of gender specific 1:1 working programme based on literature from published and advertised materials.
- The Risk Assessment Tool specific to CSE.
- CSE Training for care staff

Education Services:

- Sexual Health groups
- Internet Safety Award
- We are continuously looking for ways to work with other services to develop CSE interventions for our young people.



Outcomes

We can achieve the following outcomes for our young people in relation to CSE:

- Identify risks and vulnerabilities
- Education Services
- Posters completed to communicate risk and safety strategies with peers
- Presentations by young people on the topic of CSE
- Assembly meetings to share knowledge
- Raise awareness of CSE across Rossie
- Specific Risk Assessment tools completed for those most at risk.
- Trafficking awareness and interventions
- Specific CSE intervention programmes completed with Specialise Interventions Services

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What should I do if I am worried about a young person I know being vulnerable to CSE?

A Let a staff member at Rossie know and we will speak to the young person in a safe and calm manner.

Q Who can I speak to for more information about Rossie's CSE strategy?

A We have managers from all services involved in this strategy, so you can speak to member of our CSE Strategy Group. This group includes our Chartered Psychologist, a Principle Teacher, and a Deputy Service Manager, from each core setting. You can contact one of these people by phoning **01674 820204**

Q Where can I find more information?

A There are lots of resources available that you mind useful, here are a few we recommend:

- Barnardo's
- NSPCC
- ChildExploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)
- KnowaboutCSE.co.uk



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