Child sexual exploitation is child abuse:

What can I do as a professional?

• Stay alert to changes in behaviour or any physical signs of abuse
• Speak with your line manager
• Think about ways that you might support and help young people share information if they are worried about their own or another young person’s situation
• Identify opportunities to educate young people and their parents about healthy relationships and about sexual exploitation
• Speak to social work services (01475-715365) or the police (101)

Know the Signs?

• Going missing or returning home late
• Missing school
• Having unexplained gifts
• Having older boyfriends and girl friends
• Suffering from sexually transmitted infections
• Mood swings
• Drugs and alcohol misuse
• Displaying sexualised behaviour
• Be secretive about where they are going

Messages to Give to Young People

Be Safe in Your Relationships

• If someone makes you feel unsafe, pressured or frightened - speak to someone you trust
• Don’t trust some one you don’t know, even if they are friendly
• Online - don’t give your personal details or meet someone you don’t know
• Even if fun, don’t be tricked into doing unsafe things

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