

# STOPCSE

AWARENESS DAY 18TH MARCH



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## CSE Warning Signs

Often children and young people who are victims of sexual exploitation do not recognise that they are being abused. There are a number of warning signs that can indicate a child may be being groomed for sexual exploitation and behaviours that can indicate that a child is being sexually exploited. To assist you in remembering and assessing these signs and behaviours we have created the mnemonic 'SAFEGUARD'.



### **S**exual health and behaviour

Evidence of sexually transmitted infections, inappropriate sexualised behaviour or pregnancy.



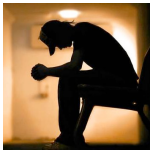
### **A**bsent from school or repeatedly running away

Evidence of truancy from school, periods of being missing from care or from home.



### **F**amilial abuse and/or problems at home

Familial sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, as well as risk of forced marriage or honour-based violence; domestic violence; substance misuse; parental mental health concerns; parental criminality; experience of homelessness; living in a care home or temporary accommodation.



### **E**motional and physical condition

Thoughts of, or attempted, suicide or self-harming; low self-esteem or self-confidence; problems relating to sexual orientation; learning difficulties or poor mental health; unexplained injuries or changes in physical appearance identify.



### **G**angs, older age groups and involvement in crime

Involvement in crime; direct involvement with gang members or living in a gang-afflicted community; involvement with older individuals or lacking friends from the same age group; contact with other individuals who are sexually exploited.



### **U**se of technology and sexual bullying

Evidence of 'sexting', sexualised communication on-line or problematic use of the internet and social networking sites.



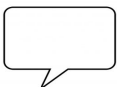
### **A**lcohol and drug misuse

Problematic substance use.



### **R**eceipt of unexplained gifts or money

Unexplained finances, including phone credit, clothes and money.



### **D**istrust of authority figures

Resistance to communicating with parents, carers, teachers, social services, health, police and others.