

## Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

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CSE is a form of child abuse. The abuser coerces the child into sexual activity in exchange for money, gifts, affection or status. A lot of the grooming happens online. Because of the amount of time our children spend online, it is vital that we carefully monitor online activities. Exploitation can occur face to face or on technology, (webcam, mobile phone, tablet, etc.) Sexual exploitation can happen to any child.

Things to look out for:

- ◆ Sexual or sexualized behaviour
- ◆ Changes in dress
- ◆ Absent from school
- ◆ Disengagement with school
- ◆ Mood swings, volatile behaviour
- ◆ Emotional distress

Children who have or are being exploited are often fearful for their safety and find it hard to disclose. These children may find it challenging to form trusting relationships with adults.

If you have a concern speak to the school DSLs.

## Safeguarding

### Information Leaflet

This leaflet covers the following topics:

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Extremism
- Gangs
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

## FGM

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FGM or Female Genital Mutilation is a form of Child Abuse. It can happen at any age in a girl or woman's life. It is done for traditional, cultural reasons and not religious. The mutilation can be having the clitoris removed to the entire outer and inner parts of the female genitalia.

Things to look out for:

- Prolonged toilet breaks
- Frequent urine infections
- Family come from a practicing community
- Constant menstruation
- Change in language 'I'm a woman now'
- Nonattendance of medical appointments
- Extended holidays
- Avoiding changing for PE
- Family come from a practicing community

FGM is practiced mainly in Africa. Because of the diverse culture of Birmingham, FGM can happen here.

FGM is a crime. It is Child Abuse.

If you have any concerns please speak to the school DSLs.

## Preventing Violent Extremism in the UK

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The UK faces a range of threats from extremist groups. The most current threat is from Al Qa`ida, its affiliates and likeminded organisations.

Due to the increase in extremist propaganda on the internet, our pupils are extremely vulnerable to the ideologies of extremism.

Things to look out for:

- Changes in behavior
- Changes in dress (religious attire)
- Changes in language
- Derogatory comments about other faiths, religious beliefs or race.
- Internet usage

We must make sure that we are vigilant, especially when our children are accessing the internet.

If you have any concerns about a child speak to the school DSLs.

## Gangs

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Being part of a gang can be extremely dangerous but it can give children a sense of belonging and family. It gives the child an identity and a purpose. Both Boys and girls are susceptible.

Things to look out for:

- Going missing from school
- Unexplained absences
- Changes in behavior
- Getting involved in crimes
- Unexplained injuries
- Becoming secretive
- Having new clothes, items they cannot afford
- Getting into trouble at school

None of these signs mean that they have gang affiliations. We must be open to the possibility that some of our pupils could become gang members.

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