Overview and Scrutiny

Child Sexual Exploitation



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What we will be focusing on

- Understanding what is meant by child sexual exploitation
- Action being taken to tackle and prevent it
- Human trafficking and domestic slavery
- Role of borough and district councils





" ... a form of sexual abuse in which a person(s) exploits, coerces and/or manipulates a child or young person into engaging in some form of sexual activity, sometimes in return for something the child needs or desires and/or for the gain of the person(s) perpetrating or facilitating the abuse"



From a child's perspective:

" Someone taking advantage of you sexually, for their own benefit. Through threats, bribes, violence, humiliation, or simply by telling you that they love you, they will have the power to get you to do sexual things for their own, or other people's, benefit or enjoyment ..."



The grooming process:

- " Grooming is when someone builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse or exploitation." (NSPCC)
- Online or in the real world
- By a stranger or someone they know
- By a male or female (of any age)



The grooming process:

- Involves recruiting, controlling and then exploiting the young person
- Targeting, befriending, building trust
- Creating dependency and isolating them from family, friends, school, etc
- Gaining control by manipulation, coercion, threats and intimidation

Links to missing children:

- Going missing can be both a cause and consequence of being exploited
- 70% of children who are sexually exploited go missing
- Young people who run away from care are particularly vulnerable to CSE
- Missing? Consider exploitation



- Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Children Strategy 2015-16 (NSCB)
- Identify, counter, prevent, disrupt and prosecute
- Support victims
- Ensure a co-ordinated, multi agency response to children who go missing





- County-wide multi agency team
- Police, Social Services, Health and Support
- Intelligence gathering, safeguarding, disruption and prosecution
- Referrals and missing persons data, analysis, investigations, arrests, training, joint working





- Raising awareness
- Delivering training
- Sharing information
- Identifying, disrupting and prosecuting the perpetrators of CSE
- Developing a clearer picture of CSE across Northamptonshire





- RISE is supporting 49 children (aged 9-17)
- 20 of these 49 children live in Northampton
- Since April 2015, the RISE team has received 260 referrals, made 63 arrests and closed a total of 72 cases





Human trafficking

Action + Means + Purpose of Exploitation

- <u>Action</u>: recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt
- <u>Means</u>: threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability
- <u>Purpose</u>: sexual exploitation, forced labour or domestic servitude, slavery, financial exploitation, organ removal
 <u>Child trafficking is child abuse</u>



Domestic slavery

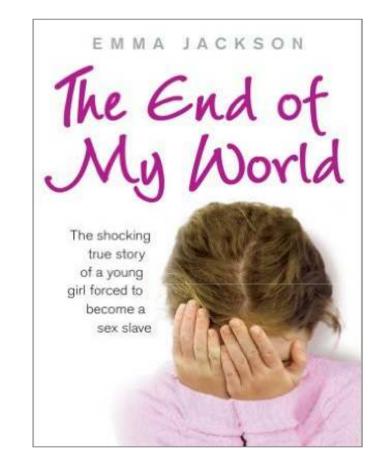
Means + Service

- <u>Means</u>: being held through either physical means or through a threat of penalty (may be by use of force, coercion, abduction, deception, abuse of power or exploiting vulnerability
- <u>Service</u>: as a result of the 'means', the victim provides a service (begging, sexual service, domestic service, etc)



Emma's story

- Sexually exploited in Rotherham from the age of 12
- Told her story at a NSCB Conference in Kettering (2015)
- Emma has assisted our understanding





Borough and district councils

- Social / private rented housing (and HMOs)
- Homelessness and TA
- Community Safety
 and Street Wardens
- Licensing of taxis, food premises, pubs, clubs and off licences
- Leisure services











CSE Conference – 22.09.15



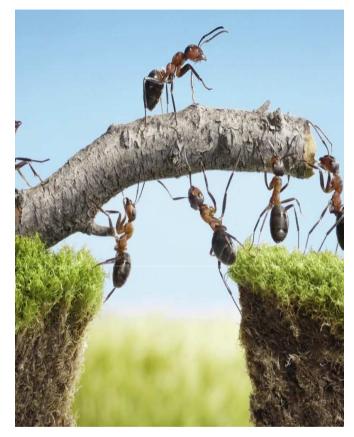
Slough Borough Council

Peterborough City Council



Joined-up, countywide approach

- Each council to have CSE Lead + Group
- Countywide CSE Action Plan (monitored by Chief Execs Group)
- Countywide liaison groups to recommend a better, consistent countywide approach





Joined-up, countywide approach

- Countywide training programme devised and co-ordinated
- Shared information and training material developed to support training for taxi drivers, landlords and staff in the hospitality and leisure industry





Training at a local level

- Community safety
- Housing & Wellbeing
- Licensing
- Environmental Health
- NPH Housing Officers
- Neighbourhood Wardens
- Taxi Operators
- Taxi Drivers

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Further information

- Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB)
 - CSE Toolkit
 - Emma's Story

http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/about-northamptonshiresafeguarding-children-board/publications/cse-toolkit-launch-videos/

