

Safeguarding

CSE – Building Resilience



Child Sexual Exploitation

What is CSE?

The revised definition for Child Sexual Exploitation in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 is:

“Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.”

A list of useful resources that can support you in further developing your knowledge of CSE can be found at:

<http://www.lcitylscb.org/information-for-practitioners/safeguarding-topics/child-sexual-exploitation-cse-trafficking-missing/cse-resources/useful-websites/>

It would be easy to assume that CSE is not a concern for those of us working with our youngest children, and that the issues occur when a child reaches their teenage years. This is not the case. Children are accessing digital media younger and younger and are exposed to risks that we could overlook if we are not vigilant. It is important that as practitioners, we reflect on our practice and work closely with parents to establish healthy internet habits from the start.

Developing a healthy relationship with the internet and providing children with knowledge of the potential dangers from a young age will enable practitioners and parents to build children's resilience to potential abuse.

TASK

- Spend a little time talking with the children in your care about their experience of technology. What they use in the setting and what they have access to at home?
- Task a member of the team to do a little research, to understand the functions of identified apps/websites/games that children use, to enable you to have more informed discussions about the potential dangers and advice for keeping themselves safe.

Leicestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership Board Training Priority -
Risk Outside the home/ Contextual safeguarding