

# Child Sexual Exploitation...

## What Every Parent Should Know

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# Our Mission Tonight Is . . .

- To dispel some of the myths surrounding rape and sexual exploitation
- To help you understand the facts about the issues of child sexual exploitation
- For you to feel assured in keeping your children safe
- To recognise where you can go for help or further information

# RoSA

ROSA aims to relieve the needs and distress of survivors of rape or sexual abuse in Warwickshire and Coventry.

We help victims and their families to rebuild their lives and become SURVIVORS.

Nothing can change what has happened to our clients but we support them to change how they feel.



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EXPERIENCE SOME  
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**HELP STOP  
SEXUAL ABUSE  
SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT**

**NO LONGER HIDDEN**  
  
**NO LONGER ASHAMED**

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# SCALE OF THE PROBLEM

- Approximately **2,000** rapes & **10,000** sexual assaults per week (*British Crime Survey, 2010*)
- **89%** of these crimes are never reported (*Home Office & Dept of Health, 2012*)
- A child reports sexual abuse or rape every 20 minutes (NSPCC 2012)
- **26,314** children aged 0-16 in Coventry & Warwickshire are likely to have been raped or abused (*Taskforce Alberti – Mar 2010*)
- UK has one of the lowest conviction rates in Europe at **6.5%** of reported incidents (*Fawcett, 2007*)
- **160** crimes of child exploitation has been reported across Warwickshire & West Mercia (*Crime Intelligence – Police 2014*)

# EXPLOITATION

Sexual exploitation can take many forms from the seemingly 'consensual' relationship where sex is exchanged for attention/affection, accommodation or gifts, to serious organised crime and child trafficking.

What marks out exploitation is that the perpetrator has some form of power over the victim by virtue of their age, gender, intellect or with violence.

# Organised Crime Through Gangs

- Following Operation Span in the North West, nine defendants were brought to justice in May 2012 when they were found guilty of serious serial sexual abuse, including multiple rapes.
- These men targeted vulnerable young women, pretending to show them affection and by giving them food, money, alcohol and attention, they groomed and controlled them and demanded repayment through sex. Any resistance was met with threats and violence.

# Youth Rape

In separate cases, two teenage boys were prosecuted for rape in the North West. One boy committed rape as well as sexual assaults on two girls.

The second pleaded guilty to raping a four-year-old girl.





# Cyber Crime

KEEP YOUR **KIDS**  
**SAFE** Online



A defendant, who had worked in Legal Services in a local authority, was convicted of offences related to child abuse images – including more than 5,700 indecent images.

- Pornography and Obscenity is an area of cybercrime which is increasing.
- Technology – the perfect tool for grooming children and young people



**ROSA**  
rape or sexual abuse support

# Signs of Sexual Exploitation

The following list of indicators is not exhaustive but highlights common signs in identifying victims of sexual exploitation.

- receiving unexplained gifts or gifts from unknown sources
- having unaffordable new things (clothes, mobile) or expensive habits
- changes in the way they dress
- getting in/out of different cars driven by unknown adults
- having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- hanging out with groups of older people, unexplained changes in behaviour or personality (chaotic, aggressive, sexual)
- self-harming, suicidal thoughts/attempts, eating disorders
- drug or alcohol misuse



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**Child at Risk**



**bE  
HAVIOUR**



# Further Information

*Free on-line course for parents to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation:*

- <http://www.safeguardingchildrenea.co.uk/safeguarding-news/keep-them-safe/>
- <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wscbresources>
- <http://www.paceuk.info/>
- <http://www.safenetwork.org.uk>
- <http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/parents/>
- <http://www.respectyourself.info/>





**Any Questions?**

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