

Child **S**exual **E**xploitation
and
Licensing

CSE – Definition

- Sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situations,
- Contexts and relationships where young people (or a third person or persons) receive ‘something’ (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of technology without the child’s immediate recognition;

CSE – Definition

- In all cases, those exploiting the child/young person have power over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic or other
- Violence, coercion and intimidation are common, involvement in exploitative.
- Relationships being characterised in the main by the child or young person's limited availability of choice resulting from their social/economic and/or emotional vulnerability

Links with licensing

- Licensing Act 2003 – “protection of children from harm”
 - Supply of alcohol, late night refreshment, and places of entertainment all feature regularly in cases of CSE.
- Taxi Licensing – Fit and proper person test
 - Suitability of a person to drive a taxi.
 - Convictions
 - Complaints
 - Taxis feature highly in the movement of children involved in CSE.
 - Information from taxi drivers can be key if they know to report concerns to relevant authorities.
- Not confined to these two areas, may also link with Sex Establishments, Gambling Premises etc.

Links with licensing

Extracts from Jay Enquiry into abuse in Rotherham

“The prominent role of taxi drivers in CSE as a ‘common thread’ across England and noted that their involvement was evident from an early stage in Rotherham.”

“In the early years there seems to have been a prevalent denial of the existence of CSE, let alone its increasing incidence and dangers”

“Most members showed little obvious leadership or interest in CSE”

What are we doing

- Ensuring policies remain robust and up to date.
 - Includes recent review of suitability policy.
- Raising awareness with Members of the Licensing Committee.
- All licensing staff have received CSE awareness training, and one is the CSE Champion for Public Protection.
- Licensing sit on the MASE (Multi agency sexual exploitation) group.

What are we doing

- Raise awareness amongst the licence trade through leaflets, window stickers, presentations at pubwatch etc.
- Provision of Safeguarding training to for all taxi drivers starting early 2016.
- Liaison with Safeguarding team on complaints around licence holders and referral to Licensing Sub Committee where warranted.

Any Questions

Speak to the Licensing Team, or

Report concerns to:

Essex Police on 101 or,

via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or

For more information visit

CSP: <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/community-safety-and-crime>

Police & Crime Plan:

http://www.essex.police.uk/about/publications/policing_plan.aspx

VAWG: [Call to end violence against women and girls: action plan](#)

CSE – Rotherham Report

http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/1407/independent_inquiry_cse_in_rotherham