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WiSE Education Work

**Working in partnership with East Sussex Children's Services,
Public Health and the Sex Education Forum, we will be rolling out
an offer of:**

- **Training and awareness raising – including tools
and resources;**
- **CSE Champions network;**
- **Targeted preventative group work;**
- **Newsletters and information for parents/carers;**
- **Assemblies.**



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Aims of the session

- To get a better understanding of what child sexual exploitation (CSE) is.
- To discuss the different forms of CSE, looking at how it happens and how to spot if your child was being sexually exploited.
- Look at ways in which you can safeguard your child from being sexually exploited.
- Look at who is there to help you, if you believe your child is being sexually exploited.
- Answer any questions or queries that you have.



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What do you think child sexual exploitation is?



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Child Sexual Exploitation

“Someone taking advantage of you sexually, for their own benefit. Through threats, bribes, violence, humiliation or 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 enjoyment.”

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Who does it affect?

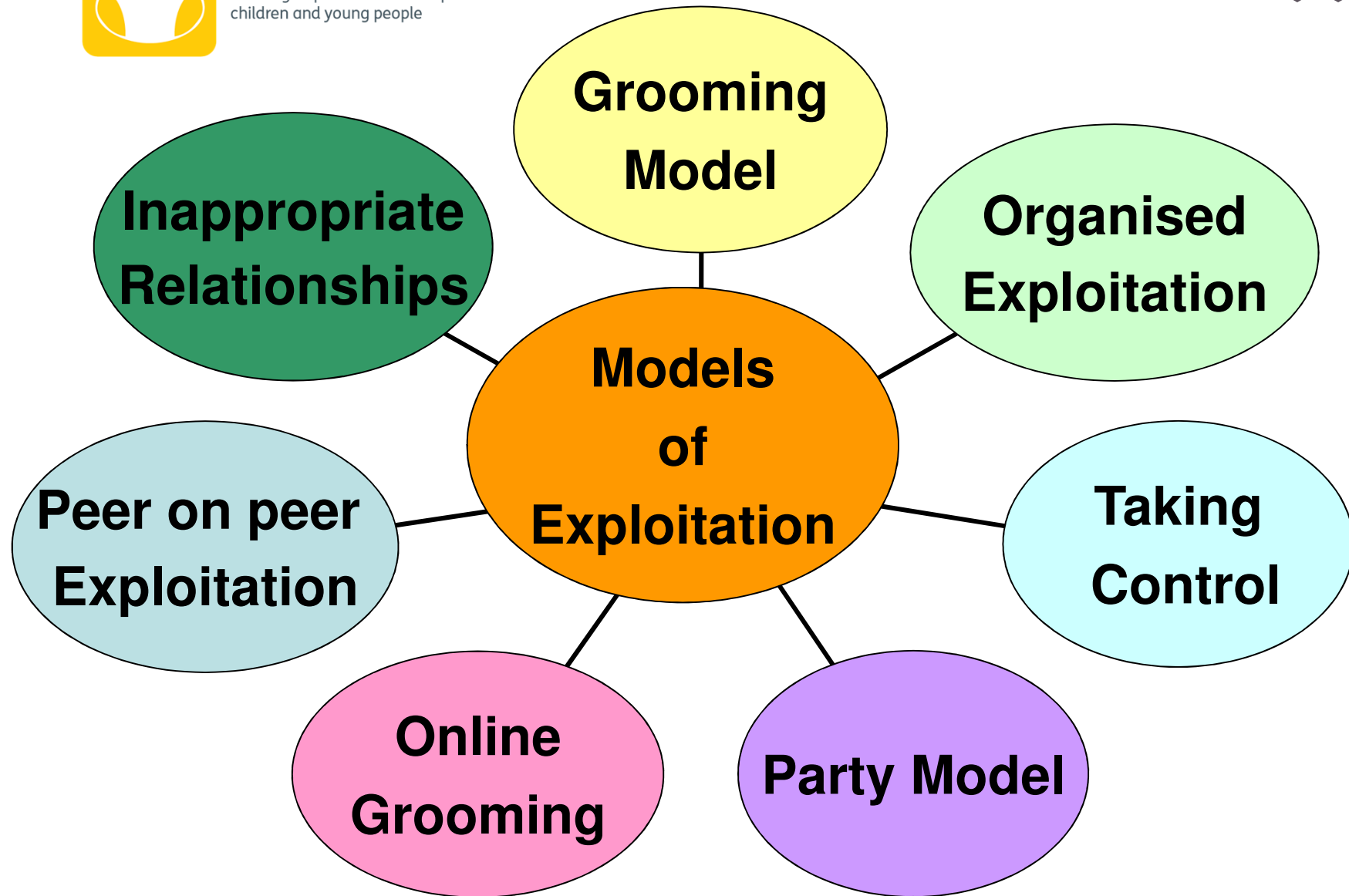
- Child Sexual Exploitation could happen to any child from any background. It happens to boys and young men, as well as girls and young women.
- The children are not at fault.
- Perpetrators are very clever in the way they manipulate and take advantage of the young people they abuse.



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[Spuds WiSE Words:](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KVDt99f0tA>

[Me, Jenny and Kate:](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3xD58e6wA4>

[Jasmine's Story](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exsyUrfvQM4>

[Losing Control:Jay](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XasNkfQ5AVM>

[Kayleigh's Love Story](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE>



Spotting the Signs

Quite often children do not know that they are being sexually exploited.

There are some signs that they may display, helping you to identify CSE;

- Staying out late, beyond curfew, or not being where they should be
- Periods of going missing overnight or longer
- Exclusion from school or unexplained absences from or not engaged in school/college/training/work
- Unexplained amounts of money, expensive clothing or other items
- Peers involved in sexual exploitation
- Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections
- Mood swings or changes in emotional wellbeing
- Use of the internet that causes concern
- Excessive use of mobile phone that causes concern
- Evidence of drug, alcohol or substance misuse
- Expressions of despair (self-harm, overdose, eating disorder, challenging behaviour, aggression)



Safeguarding your Child

- Keep lines of communication open
- Try to talk to them about relationships, consent, sex, body image, porn etc. Knowledge is power.
- Remain vigilant - who are they hanging out with, are there any power imbalances within these relationships, where do they go etc.
- Understanding the risks with online use and putting measures in place to minimise these risks.
- Consider devising a contract with them so they set their own boundaries/consequences with you.
- Stay alert to changes in their behaviour.
- Ask for help and talk to someone



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Who can support me?



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Supporting children and young people to stay safe in their relationships



You can access the WiSE Project website for support and advice -

<https://www.ymcadlg.org/support-advice/wise/wise-parents-carers/>



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Who can support me?

Pace

Parents against
child sexual exploitation

National charity supporting parents and carers of children at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation.

- National Parent Telephone Support
- Co-located Parent Support Workers
- Volunteer befriending
- Parent networking days
- Online resources
- Online Forum
- Training for practitioners
- Influence national and local policy
- Prevention and awareness raising

<http://paceuk.info/for-parents/>



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Who can support me?



Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre is part of the National Crime Agency

- If you're worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.
- One of their experienced Child Protection Advisors will be there to make sure you get the help that you need.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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