He really loves me...
I love my special gift

He always buys me nice things. He says I'm really special

He likes me to smell nice... mum doesn't know it's our secret

He phones me and emails me every day. He says he loves me
Caution!

• Talking about sensitive topics
• Talking about sex and sexual violence and that it may have affected you or someone you know
• Information for help lines and Services at the end of the presentation
Sexual Exploitation single point of contact for Bromley Police

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TOTAL POLICING
Numbers

Between 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

621

reported missing children
in
Bromley
Sexual Exploitation
What is it?
Who can you tell?
How can you stay safe?
WHAT IS SEXUAL EXPLOITATION?

Sexual exploitation of children and young people under 18 involves exploitative situation, contexts and relationships where young people (or third person or persons) receive something (e.g. Food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of performing, and / or others performing on them sexual activities.

Child sexual exploitation can occur through use of technology without the child's immediate recognition, for example the persuasion to post sexual images on the internet/mobile phones with no immediate payment or gain. In all cases those exploiting the child/young person have something over them by virtue of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and / or economic or other resources.
• Child Sexual exploitation involves children and young people under the age of 18 – it is a form of child abuse.

• It has nothing to do with the legal age of consent (16).

• The perpetrator(s) take advantage of the child’s vulnerability.

• The average age for a perpetrator of CSE is 21.

• The average age for a victim is 14.

• Involves, drugs, alcohol, gifts, hotel day – and night parties, gangs, violence, threats, intimidation, rape, pimping etc.
Healthy Relationships, Sex & Consent
A person consents if she or he agrees by choice and has the freedom and capacity to make that choice.

**Freedom**

**Threats**

**Coercion/Pressure**

Physically able to get out of a situation

**Capacity**

**Understanding**

**Drink**

**Drugs**

**Sleep**

**Age**

**Mental health/ Learning needs**
Sex and the law

The age you can have sex is called ‘the age of consent’

In the UK it is 16 years old

This means that according to the law, only those who are aged 16 or over are able to legally and free to agree to any sexual activity

This applies for those wanting to have sex with someone of the opposite sex, or the same sex
What are the challenges?

- does not perceive him/herself to be a ‘victim’
- does not wish to support a police prosecution
- Carers unable to prevent young person leaving the home
- Concerns over the right to privacy of the young person. (forensic etc)
Vulnerability factors

- Chaotic or dysfunctional household
- History of abuse
- In care system
- Gang association
- Lacking friends
- Not in education, employment or training
- Unsure about sexual orientation
- Learning difficulties
- Recent bereavement or loss
- Low esteem or self confidence
Older Boyfriend Model

- An older male (5+ years) targets and grooms
- Relationship can initially feel positive, becomes abusive
- Adults isolate young person from friends, family and support networks causing dependency
- Illegal or age inappropriate behaviour eg. sexual activity and substance use
- Conjunction with physical and emotional abuse
- Young person forced or coerced into having sex with other men
Online Grooming

• Adult poses as a young person in online chat rooms, social networking sites, BBM and IM sites

• Perpetrator seeks their trust and gathers info about them

• Will arrange to meet or incite them to perform sexual acts via a web cam or send sexual image
Opportunistic Targeting

• Older males identify vulnerable young people, may have a history of being groomed/sexually abused
• Perpetrator will offer a young person a ‘reward’ or payment in exchange for sexual acts
• Older male is often linked with a network of abusive adults,
• Can happen quickly, without any grooming
Familial Exploitation

- Parent or family member controls and facilitates exploitation
- Can be family history of sexual abuse or selling sex
- Young person can be exploited on their own or with other family members
- Motivations often financial and can involve substance use
Peer Exploitation or ‘Sexual Bullying’

- Problem in some schools, sexualised behaviour becoming ‘normalised’
- Young people who feel marginalised and want to fit in with friends
- Pressure to perform sexual acts for ‘acceptance’, may or may not be filmed/in front of an audience
- Sexual acts can be told to other young people, filming and images passed around/shared
There are special organisations who are here just to help you!

Barnardo's 0208 550 8822

Childline 0800 11 11

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Police 101