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Launch of a new government definition of CSE and working together advice

Revised statutory definition of child sexual exploitation

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.

The new Working Together advice on CSE and the new definition can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-sexual-exploitation-definition-and-guide-for-practitioners>

Both the definition and guidance document can also be downloaded from the GSCB website, alongside other resources for professionals including the CSE Screening Tool and guidance notes, CSE Protocol, CSE Strategy and links to both e-learning and multi-agency CSE training:

<http://www.gscb.org.uk/i-work-with-children-young-people-and-parents/issues-affecting-children-and-young-people/child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children/>