

You are not to blame if this is happening to you.

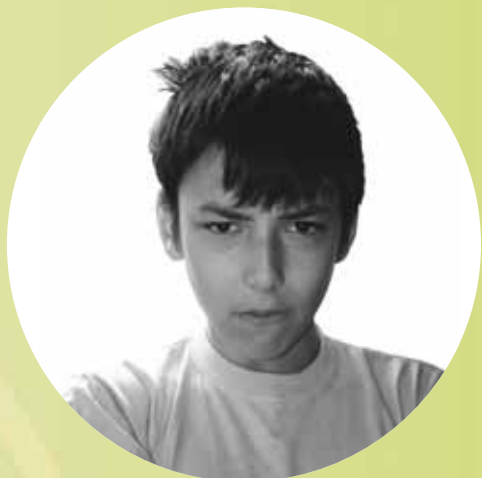
The adults who have taken advantage of you are responsible and they are the people who have done something wrong.

Why is a Strategy Meeting held?

You will usually be invited to attend all or parts of the meeting. Even if you do not attend, your worker will try and gain an understanding of how you feel.

If you feel that it would be too hard or too upsetting for you to attend, or you feel angry because you do not think you are being exploited or are at risk, it is still important for people at the meeting to understand your views.

You could write something down or tell anyone who is invited to the meeting to say how you feel if you want to.



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Who to contact for advice and support?



Young people can get information and advice via Brook relating to their sexual health

Brook Wigan & Leigh
Coops Business Centre
11 Dorning Street,
Wigan WN11HR

Tel: 01942 760000



Shield Team
Recognising Sexual Exploitation
of Children & Young People

The Shield Team
St Johns House,
St Johns' Street, Abram,
Wigan WN2 5JY

Tel 0161 856 5312
www.wiganlscb.com/shieldteam



Children and Young People Services
Duty Social Worker Team
Ince Annex
Ince Green Lane, Ince,
Wigan WN3 4QX

Tel: 01942 828300 (8:45am - 5pm)

Emergency Out Of Hours Service:
0161 8342436 (5pm - 8:45am)

Information and advice 24/7



Young people can get information and advice via the www.thinkuknow.co.uk website and report inappropriate online sexual contact.

Information for children & young people

Is this U?

- **U are friends with older adults.**
- **U have an older boyfriend or girlfriend.**
- **U stay out late and even all night.**
- **U don't spend time with your family.**
- **U have lost contact with friends.**
- **U don't go to school.**
- **You've tried and use alcohol and/or drugs.**
- **U are chatting to people on-line you have never met and some times meet them in the real world.**
- **U don't chill out with people your own age anymore.**



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If U can tick some of the boxes on the front page then U are at risk!

Why?

We know from experience that some adults, probably the older people You are hanging around with, draw young people just like you into sexual relationships. This is not your fault.

These older adults are nice to you ✓ they show you a lot of interest and affection at the beginning ✓ they make you feel special ✓ . Sometimes they ask groups of young people to come back to their house with older people ✓ . They are cunning and clever and try to trick you ✓ !

They offer you drugs and alcohol ✓ a place to chill out ✓ . They may even buy you presents like clothes, a mobile phone, even give you money to buy things like cigarettes ✓ .

When they have gained your trust and affection they may change how they act around you ✓ .

They will ask for sexual favours for themselves ✓ and/or other people, in return for alcohol, drugs, presents, money; all the things they gave you for free a while ago ✓ .

They stop being nice and can become threatening and violent ✓ .

Their aim is to draw young people like you into swapping or selling sex. They are not really your friends.

A **Sexual Exploitation Strategy Meeting** has been arranged so everyone who is concerned about you can discuss and decide how you can be protected and supported.

People are worried about you and that is why you have this leaflet.

Either your parents or a professional has noticed the warning signs you ticked on the front and have raised concerns that you may be on the path to sexual exploitation. This is where you are either swapping sex (providing sexual favours for things like drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, money and other presents) or selling sex.

A worker should talk to you and your parents/carers about the concerns that have led to the meeting being held. The worker should assess your situation.

You could ask someone you trust to come to the meeting and they will pass on your point of view.

What is a Sexual Exploitation Strategy Meeting?

This is a multi agency meeting for different professionals, your family/carers and you, to discuss the risk of you being sexually exploited.



Why is a Strategy Meeting held?

A **Sexual Exploitation Meeting** is held to:

- ✓ Gather information about the sexual exploitation
- ✓ Identify support for you so you can get away from sexual exploitation, or if that's not possible, minimise the harm being done to you.
- ✓ Identify support for you and your family.
- ✓ Agree a course of action with you against the exploitative adults



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