

# Child Exploitation

Child Exploitation is a form of child abuse, referring to the exploitation of any child or young person under the age of 18.

Child Exploitation can take many forms. Often children are subjected to more than one form of exploitation at a time.

Child Exploitation happens when an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual or criminal activity.

Any child can be targeted for exploitation regardless of their age, gender, culture or religion.

Perpetrators can be male or female from any culture, community or religion.

It might appear consensual, and the child might not recognise that they are a victim of abuse.

Scan the QR Code for more information



If you think a child is in immediate danger always call the emergency services on 999.

To discuss a non-emergency matter with the Police call 101. Visit the West Midlands Police Website to report a crime and access advice and support.

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed or is at risk of harm, but there is no immediate danger, or you need advice or information, please call Coventry Children's Services at the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 024 7678 8555 or the out of office hours please call the Emergency Duty Team on 024 7683 2222.

Click the link for more information.

## What to do if you think a child is being exploited

Professionals can complete the Child Exploitation screening tool and use the Force Intelligence Bureau form to report information to the police.

Click here to access the Child Exploitation Indicator Tool

Click here to access the FIB Form and Guidance

A range of help and services are available via Early Help and the Family Hubs.

Visit their website for more information and find your nearest family hub.