

Child Sexual Exploitation

The Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB), has announced the launch of a new team tackling child sexual exploitation. MSCB is a multi-agency organisation which brings together a range of agencies who work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people up to the age of eighteen years in Medway. Kent Police, Medway Council, Kent County Council and Health Services have come together to form a combined team, called the Child Sexual Exploitation Team (CSE) to tackle the sexual exploitation of children

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The CSE Team was launched alongside Operation Willow, an awareness raising campaign around CSE on 2 December 2015. Operation Willow is a partnership which responds to concerns and promotes awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE) by working closely with schools, GP's, taxi firms, hotels and pubs. The CSE team, based at Kent Police headquarters in Maidstone, has been set up as a joint hub where agencies can work together to both identify children that are at risk as well as people who are suspected of sexually exploiting children. Members of the public can report suspected child sexual exploitation by calling 101 and quoting "Operation Willow" or calling the Say Something Helpline anonymously on 116 000.

Practitioners and Volunteers can report suspected child sexual exploitation by emailing the CSE Team at cse.intelligence@kent.pnn.police.uk. Once a practitioners or volunteer have emailed their concerns, they will be asked to complete a specific form to ensure that the information they are enclosing is captured accordingly before returning the form to the CSE team email address.

There is no part of Kent where we can say this is more or less likely to happen. We do know there are more vulnerable people in deprived areas, such as parts of Thanet and Medway, but exploitation could easily be occurring in affluent areas.

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