

Different models of CSE



Peer-on-peer exploitation

Children are sexually exploited by peers known to them through school, in neighbourhood or through mutual friends. Sometimes associated with gang activity.

On-line exploitation

This might involve an adult pretending to be a child befriending the child through online chat rooms, online chat rooms, social networking websites, emails and telephone messaging. They may ask children to share indecent images of themselves or display sexual acts which they then record.

Boyfriend model of exploitation

Perpetrators target children posing as 'boyfriends', giving attention and gifts to cause infatuation. The child is expected to enter into a sexual relationship as "proof" of their love or as a way of reciprocation for the attention / gifts. Difficult to work with children exploited in this way who may feel that this is a reciprocal relationship and love the "boyfriend".

Party model of exploitation

Parties organised by groups of men to lure young people, drink, drugs and car rides are offered. Children are introduced to an exciting environment where sexual promiscuity and violence are normalised. Parties can take place far from child's home so sexual acts are forced in return for a lift home. Children encouraged to invite peers to attend.

Trafficking can be used in these different models, must be remembered that trafficking is not just from one country to another, it can be from one house to another as long as the intent is to move a child for the purpose of sexual exploitation.