

# Child Sexual Exploitation

## Guidance for Licensed Drivers

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### Child Sexual Exploitation involves;

Young people under the age of 18 being encouraged or forced into situations or relationships of a sexual nature by an adult. Often this involves the young person being offered something such as food, accommodation, alcohol, drugs gifts or money in return for performing sexual acts, including posting images on social media. It is not unusual that the young person experiences violence, coercion or intimidation.

### Where can it happen?

Young people can be sexually exploited at any time in any location some examples of places are:

- Parks
- Shopping Centres
- Taxi Ranks
- Restaurants/Takeaways/Pubs/Clubs/Bars
- Gyms/Leisure Centres

### How does this affect the Taxi Trade?

Drivers can be the eyes and ears of the community as such they can play a crucial part in the fight against child sexual exploitation by reporting potentially important information to the local authority.

### What are your responsibilities?

You may be aware of or have suspicions about a child being at risk or about a premise that may be used to sexually exploit children if this is so it should be reported using the Police non-emergency number **101** or **Crimestoppers 0800 555 111**.

Operators may wish to consider conducting driver training to raise awareness of indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation and how this can be reported

### What to Look for:

- Taking/collecting young people (girls and boys) hotels/bed and breakfasts/house-parties/pubs
- Picking up young people from other cars
- Young people that look distressed, intimidated or frightened
- Young people under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Suspicious activity in 'hot spot' areas, this may include a residential premises
- Attempts by young women to avoid paying fares in return for sexual favours
- Men requesting regular taxi rides to and from locations with young people
- Young people with injuries such as bruising or blood stains
- Taking young people to A&E who are not in the presence of parents
- Change in the personality, wellness or demeanor of a child you may transport regularly
- A young person displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviours

### What you need to do;

Make a note of the information you have such as

- Locations and/or addresses
- descriptions of people
- Car registration numbers, make and models of vehicles
- Description of the activity that you are concerned about and the time it occurred

Call **101** or **Crimestoppers 0800 555 111** to report any concerns about possible sexual exploitation.