



YMCA Glenrothes

Child Sexual Exploitation Policy

This policy is for all volunteers, staff, parents, carers or other significant persons concerned with the welfare of young people at YMCA Glenrothes.

This YMCA Glenrothes policy concerns males and females up to the age of 18.

YMCA Glenrothes subscribes to the **Fife Multi-agency Underage Sexual Activity Protocol**¹ which is continually updated and applies to all key agencies in Fife.

National Guidance on Child Sexual Exploitation:

“Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse in which a person(s), of any age takes advantage of a power imbalance to force or entice a child into engaging in sexual activity in return for something received by the child and/or those perpetrating or facilitating the abuse. As with other forms of child sexual abuse, the presence of perceived consent does not undermine the abusive nature of the act.”

What is Child Sexual Abuse?

Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. Child sexual abuse encompasses *“any act that involves the child in any activity for the sexual gratification of another”*. There are different forms of Child Sexual Abuse. Sexual Abuse can include:

- Sexual abuse with contact
- Sexual abuse with non-contact sexual activity
- Sexual abuse in person
- Sexual abuse via virtual means.

CSE must not be viewed in isolation from other relevant concepts such as

- trafficking,
- going missing and
- gendered violence
- Other vulnerabilities or victimisation

What to do if you suspect a child/young person is a victim of CSE – see Procedure overleaf:

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Child Sexual Exploitation Procedure

What to do if you suspect a child/young person is a victim of CSE

1. **REPORT** your concerns as a Child Protection Issue. In the first instance discuss with line manager. The Line Manager will complete a Child Notification Concern and submit to the Fife Social Work Contact Centre or take action as detailed below. This information should then be stored and recorded in the appropriate record recording sheet on YMCA Glenrothes shared drive to ensure follow up. Any contact with Social Worker or the Police should also be recorded.
2. If you consider a child (ren) or young person(s) to be in danger, **DO NOT WAIT**:
 - a) Report this to YMCA Service Manager or CEO (either Leeann McLaren, Carol Young or Mary Hill). This YMCA representative will get in touch with the Fife Social Work Contact Centre Service.
3. If the child/young person is in **IMMEDIATE DANGER**, then call the **Police on 101 or 999**.
4. In an **EMERGENCY** telephone Fife Social Work Centre on 03451 551503 or Emergency Out of Hours on 03451 550099 and report your concerns.

If any persons has concerns about potential perpetrators of abuse, regardless of age, then this should also be reported to Police immediately.

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Where to find further information:

Local Strategies, Protocols, Partnerships and Organisations

- ¹ The Fife Multi-agency Underage Sexual Activity Protocol¹
http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_UnderagesexualactivityprotocolFINALV320.12.16.pdf
- Fife Interagency Referral Discussion (IRD) Protocol
http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_FinalIRDGUIDANCE201519.08.15.pdf
- Fife Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2015-2017 (Fife Child Protection C.)
http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_FinalCSEStrategy2015-1711.08.15.pdf
- Fife Community Safety Strategy
http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_FCSP2015-2020FinalVersion171115v2.pdf
- Fife Child Health Strategy
[www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/downloads/Children's Services Plan 2014-17.pdf](http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/downloads/Children's%20Services%20Plan%202014-17.pdf)
- Fife Child Wellbeing Pathway
http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_WellbeingPathway.pdf
- Fife Domestic and Sexual Abuse Partnership (FDASAP)
<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/topics/index.cfm?fuseaction=subject.display&subjectid=0256C085-6827-4C0C-BE99-9069E1629E90>
- Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (FRASAC) and Safe Space
<http://www.firasac.org.uk/>

National Strategies

Child Sexual Exploitation as defined by the **National Guidance on the Rape and Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009**.

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/9/pdfs/asp_20090009_en.pdf

The Children and Young People Act 2014: All forms of vulnerability and victimisation in childhood should be identified and responded to, in line with Getting it Right for Every Child irrespective of how they are defined or categorised. The Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 includes the implementation of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/what-is-girfec>