

Signs to look out for If your child..

- Is missing from home or school even if it is just for a few days
- Always has new clothes, phones or money that they can't explain where they have come from
- Is getting lots of phone calls or texts and being secretive about them

- Is involved in new friendship groups or with older friends who seem to have control over them
- Has injuries they can't or won't explain
- Is carrying weapons or hiding them in their room
- Has a significant decline in school performance



EPIC South Yorkshire is working with young people on the cusp of being involved in Child Criminal Exploitation. The work is delivered by Doncaster Children's Services Trust in partnership with Barnsley and Rotherham Councils and South Yorkshire Police.

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Child Criminal Exploitation
A guide for parents/carers



What is Child Criminal Exploitation?

Child criminal exploitation is a growing issue.

When a gang entraps adults, the police call it Criminal Exploitation (CE). When they groom or threaten young people to become involved, it is called Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).



CCE usually starts with someone promising something if a person moves drugs for them – money, nice clothes. They are also given a phone.

After a while, the young person may get robbed – maybe by their own gang. They are then in debt and have to run for the gang for free.

These gangs are often dangerous and cruel.



What can I do?

- **Be aware** of where your child/teenager is and who they are with.
 - **Monitor friendships** / new associates.
 - Look out for the signs detailed in this leaflet.
 - **Be available / approachable** to your child.
 - **Take note of anything suspicious** and make police, or professionals your child may be working with, aware.
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously if you have any information on 0800 555 111
 - Get in touch with EPIC South Yorkshire (**contact details on the back page**).

