



Shropshire Council's Children's Services are rated

OUTSTANDING

"By treating our children and young people with respect, love and trust and with the right amount of encouragement we can inspire them to dream big, build relationships and connections that matter and together with kindness and a sense of belonging we can do great things."



TREES Newsletter

Together Reducing & Ending Exploitation in Shropshire

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Welcome to the Summer edition of the TREES Newsletter 2025

A brag to start but we are hugely proud to part of Shropshire Council's well deserved **OUTSTANDING** rating from Ofsted during the summer break. A huge thank you to our colleagues, partner agencies and families for their contributions to this achievement.

We're picking up traction again in referrals with the schools returning - please remember to book onto our consultations if you have any worries or questions (details found in this newsletter).

Educational disengagement is a recurring theme we've seen this quarter. In September, 75% of referred children had some form of education instability - NEET, exclusions, or reduced timetables.

Worryingly there has been a national trend of CSE being unreported in the UK. This may be a training issue, but it's certainly something we've seen in Shropshire and are asking professionals to remain vigilant to the subtle, or online signs of CSE.

Early intervention and awareness seems to be evidenced as a real success this quarter - with 87% of referrals being assessed as low.

TREES WEBSITE



Current patterns and emerging themes

Update from Clare Jervis, CE & Missing Operational Lead

This quarter saw 71 referrals, a noticeable increase from last year's 59. With 39 new cases, professionals are clearly spotting exploitation earlier and acting swiftly. Males continue to dominate the referral stats at 58%, though July saw a rare 50/50 gender split, highlighting shifting patterns in vulnerability.

Schools led the way with 45% of referrals, overtaking social workers (36%). This reflects growing awareness and vigilance in educational settings. As noted before—encouragingly, 87% of children were assessed as low risk, suggesting early identification is working. Only 5% were high risk, down from 19% last year.

July was the busiest month with 40 referrals, while August dipped to just 8 due to school closures. September bounced back with 23, as term resumed. Children going missing remains a serious concern. Many disappear without being reported, often found in unsafe places like train stations or parks - the links between missing and being out of education are increasingly very clear.

Exploitation is often peer-led, but increasingly we have seen familial cases linked to organised crime, debt coercion, and grooming via social media platforms like Snapchat.

Criminal Exploitation (CCE) remains dominant, but Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is under-identified—this is a national trend replicated in Shropshire. Professionals may need more support to spot subtle signs.

Cannabis, alcohol, and vaping are common. Alarmingly, synthetic cannabinoids in vapes and alcohol misuse among young females are emerging concerns.

The TREES team have led disruption meetings, supported Stay Safe events, and secured the NRM pilot bid—driving forward multi-agency safeguarding and early intervention.

Hot Spots of concern

Recent referrals and intel have identified the following areas of concern. Disruption tactics will be considered as part of regular multi-agency meetings, but if you hear about or witness anything concerning in these areas, please be alert and report any concerns as intel (please see [Page 3](#) for more information on how to do this)

Shropshire

Shrewsbury, The Quarry, Frankwell Bridge, Shrewsbury Town Centre,

Bridgnorth, Crown Meadow Park, Lodge Lane, Gobowen, Gobowen Train Station, Gobowen, Surrounding Fields, Ludlow, Wheeler Park, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Gym, Memorial Hall, Whitchurch, Ellesmere, Whittington Castle, Albert Square, Jubilee Park.

Other areas

Coventry, Manchester, Aberystwyth, Crawley.





There may be behaviour that you witness in communities that cause you to be concerned that unknown children are being exploited, such as activity around associates, addresses or locations.

If you have information about any anti-social or criminal activity or behaviour (even where you do not know who is at risk or of concern) which indicates that child exploitation may be occurring, please ensure you pass this information to West Mercia Police as soon as possible to enable them to prevent and detect crime (s115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998). Please provide names if you are aware of them, and as much detail as possible—in particular children and young people who may already be known to children's services or the police.

The below methods can also be used for reporting concerns:

- Where you think there is an immediate risk to a person or you witness a crime taking place, phone **999** (or dial 55 if you are unable to talk).
- Report under the **"Tell Us About" section on the West Mercia Police website** or phone **101**.
- Anonymously to Crimestoppers online at **<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>** or by calling **0800 555111**.
- Children, their families and/or other members of the community may be worried about sharing information about crime with the police, but you can encourage them to do so anonymously by signposting them to Crimestoppers, or Fearless for young people - **www.fearless.org**
- If you are a professional, please email the information directly to the Shropshire CE Team at: **CETeamShropshire@westmercia.police.uk** (please note that this inbox is only monitored on weekdays between 8am – 4pm) or call the team on 01743 237413.

Please note: Where you have child specific information which suggests that a child is at risk of or experiencing harm as a result of exploitation, you must follow the Child Exploitation Pathway and pass information related to criminal activity or behaviour posing a risk to West Mercia Police.

What is classed as intelligence?

Both information and intelligence are welcome, here is a useful summary to describe each:

Information: *Something that is learned or provided about something or someone. Information is defined as knowledge gained through experience or study; facts or knowledge provided or learned; knowledge of specific and timely events or situations, news. Information can relate to all forms of processed data and can include intelligence.*

Intelligence: *The analytics (interpretation of meaningful patterns) of information gathered from many sources. This is information that has been compiled, analysed, and/or disseminated to anticipate, prevent, or monitor criminal activity. It is information that has been subject to a defined evaluation and risk assessment process in order to assist with police decision making. This is to supply robust, verifiable information which can be evaluated, assessed for risk and then acted upon.*

Download and share



Working together
to stop child sexual
abuse online



An essential guide for professionals who work with children and young people

Important new resource for professionals working with children and young people.
AI-generated child sexual abuse material (AICSAM) is an emerging threat – difficult to detect, yet increasingly prevalent.

In 2024, the Internet Watch Foundation saw a rapid increase in the number of AI-CSAM reports, both on the clear web and dark web forums.

The National Crime Agency, CEOP Education and the Internet Watch Foundation have created a new guide to support professionals in understanding and responding to AI-CSAM, with practical advice on how to act when it's encountered.

If you work with children or young people in any capacity – or support those who do – please share this resource with your colleagues and networks.

www.iwf.org.uk/ai-csam-guide

New Delivery Model for 2025—2026

Referral Criteria:

- ✓ 10-17yrs across all areas in West Mercia
- ✓ Offered to YPs who are on the periphery of becoming involved/further involved in knife crime—this can include;
 - showing an interest in knives
 - Having associates known to carry knives
 - YP has themselves been carrying a knife
- ✓ YP must have no knife crime related offences OR will be 'no further actioned' if Steer Clear take the YP on.

1-2-1 support:

- ✓ We have 121 practitioners across West Mercia who will work with YP for up to 6 months. Topics which will be covered:
 - dangers and consequences of carrying knives
 - developing self-regulatory skills,
 - online harms/accessing violent content
 - building positive/healthy relationships.
- ✓ Practitioners will also support them into sustainable diversionary activities funded by The Children's Society.

Group Work:

We are aiming to deliver this to young people in groups of approx. 8-10 young people who are at risk of becoming involved in knife crime (i.e. are associated with other people who may carry, involved in ASB etc, but have not carried a knife themselves).

Level of risk in these groups are generally very low. We would advise that young people who may be further involved in knife crime/would benefit from longer-term intervention go through our referral pathway for 1-2-1 support (up to 6 months)

- ✓ 4 weeks intervention delivered in school (1x 50min session per week). Topics which will be covered:
 - risks/consequences of knife crime
 - the law on knife crime
 - hearing from somebody with lived experience
 - online harm
 - emotional regulation, resolving conflict

Parent & Professional Support:

This is not a part of our core offer, but we understand there may be groups of parents/professionals in schools and communities who would be keen to understand how to hold trauma-informed conversations with their children about knife crime. Therefore we are happy to facilitate training if this is something of interest. We can offer sessions in school/community which cover the following:

- ✓ Discussing why young people may choose to carry a knife
- ✓ Understanding the teenage brain in relation to knife crime
- ✓ Practical measures that could be actioned if a knife is found in the home – i.e. reporting/locations of knife bins
- ✓ Local signposting

The **National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC)** is a multi-agency taskforce led by the **National Crime Agency (NCA)** and the **National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC)**. It was created to deliver a **coordinated national response** to the growing threat of county lines drug trafficking—a criminal model that exploits children and vulnerable adults to move drugs and money across the UK.

Working across police forces, regional organised crime units, and safeguarding partners, the NCLCC:

- **Maps and monitors** county lines activity nationwide
- **Targets and disrupts** the most dangerous offenders
- **Safeguards victims** of exploitation and modern slavery
- **Supports frontline professionals** with intelligence, training, and best practice

Since its launch, the NCLCC has helped close thousands of drug lines, arrested thousands of offenders, and protected 1,000's of children from harm. It's a vital part of the UK's mission to **break the cycle of exploitation, restore safety to communities, and support those most at risk.**

During the latest intensification week in June 2025, the following was seized from County Lines and Organised Crime Gang (OCG) activity from across the UK.

£

£2,300,622.36

CASH SEIZED

£

COMMODITY SEIZED

- 178.49kg Total Class A
- £1.4m Class A (Wholesale)
- 16.14kg CRACK
- 11.01kg HEROIN
- 151.34kg COCAINE
- 11,200 CANNABIS PLANTS
- 138kg CANNABIS RESIN & BUD

*Plus a number of THC vapes, Fentanyl tablets, NOS canisters, Ketamine, Amphetamine, prescription tablets & MDMA.

44 FIREARMS (S.1 & S.5)

39 IMITATION

Plus ammunition



64

NRM

REFERRALS

584

CUCKOOED
ADDRESSES
VISITED

325 BLADED
WEAPONS



241 CONFIRMED DEAL
LINES DISRUPTED

KEY ASSETS SEIZED

- 1,113 Mobile phones
- 128 Vehicles
- 48 Designer watches (Rolex, Tag & Omega)
- 6 Dangerous dogs (XL Bully & Malinois)
- 24 E- bikes, new emerging trend seen
- Hundreds of thousands pounds worth of high-end designer clothing
- Counterfeit tobacco
- Pills press

93
OTHER



MISSING DAY OR NIGHT

Missing from home or education. Not knowing where they are or who they are with.



NEW PLACES

Discovering they have been going to new places where they have no obvious connections.



ONLINE USE

Spending more time online. Secretive activity, refusal to come offline. Have they distanced themselves from family, friends and usual activities?



CHANGE IN APPEARANCE

Clothing, personal hygiene, talking differently, tired.



CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR

Have they become unusually secretive, fearful or withdrawn, aggressive, distanced themselves from family and friends, involved in anti-social behaviour.



CHANGE IN FRIENDS

Sudden changes in who they are 'hanging out' with including meeting new people from social media.



COPING MECHANISMS

Alcohol/drug use/self-harm – what they may be doing or using in order to cope.



POSSESSIONS

Unexplained items e.g. New clothing, money, phone, drugs.



INJURIES

Unexplained bruises, cuts, burns, marks. Reluctance to seek medical attention.

HELP US STOP EXPLOITATION

SAY SOMETHING, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS.

CONTACT:

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111



Police
101



WWW.STOP-CSE.ORG

Contact:

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IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING

STOPCSE

At The RightPath, we support children & young people's social, emotional & mental health (SEMH) needs through mentoring. We offer mentoring support to those not in employment, education or training (NEET) and to children and young people both inside or outside of education.

We also deliver a series of **educational workshops & programmes**, named the **Unspoken Truth**, that **explore** and **educate** students on core issues that are negatively impacting children & young people's personal **growth & development** (**emotionally, socially & academically**). We cover issues and topics such as **misogyny & healthy relationships, drugs & county lines, gangs & knife crime** and we delivered our programmes to over **150 schools** and thousands of students to date.

**Click here for
our flip book
and further
information!**

We're excited to share that we're current delivering the **Unspoken Truth** programme, tackling **misogyny & healthy relationships** to **schools** across **West Mercia** in partnership with **Women's Aid & Everyone's Invited**. This programme is **free for a limited amount of schools** across the Shropshire area and we have until **March 31st, 2026** to deliver to all interested schools. **Thus, please get in as soon as possible to secure your school a place on the programme via the contact details below.**

Contact

Info@therightpath.org.uk

Joe.cole@therightpath.org.uk

Gareth.rogers@therightpath.org.uk

Click for
Website



Catch22, STEPS is an integrated CCE/CSE service for children and young people offering tailored support to young people at risk of criminal and sexual exploitation is based on the Trauma Recovery Model and delivered using a child-centred approach. The service comprises three key elements, each designed to build resilience, promote sustainable, diversionary activities, such as sports, arts, or other interests, to build confidence and connection, give them a sense of community, and a structured, positive use of time. All support is tailored to the individual's needs and reduce vulnerability.

1. Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Support

This is focused on early intervention for young people at risk of being criminally exploited. Support is delivered through weekly one-to-one sessions covering topics such as safety, healthy relationships, exploitation awareness, and anti-social behaviour. Young people are also supported in accessing sustainable, diversionary activities, such as sports, arts, or other interests, to build confidence and connection, give them a sense of community, and a structured, positive use of time.

This support is for young people who don't currently access any Social Care services or support.

2. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Support

This is for young people at any level of risk of child sexual exploitation, be that early intervention, live or historic abuse or exploitation. Support consists of one-to-one sessions covering topics such as healthy relationships, safety networks, trauma, emotional literacy, and unmet needs. (In Telford, the CATE team will continue to manage high-risk and historic cases). We also support accessing sustainable diversionary activities.

3. Awareness and Prevention

The Awareness and Prevention service is a holistic offer for education settings, incorporating policy review and training for staff, workshops for parents and awareness raising and targeted education programmes for children and young people. The service is committed to supporting education settings in generating cultural change in its approaches to tackling CCE and CSE, integrating themes of safety, decision making, consent and healthy relationships.

Click to refer for Young Person 1:1 Support

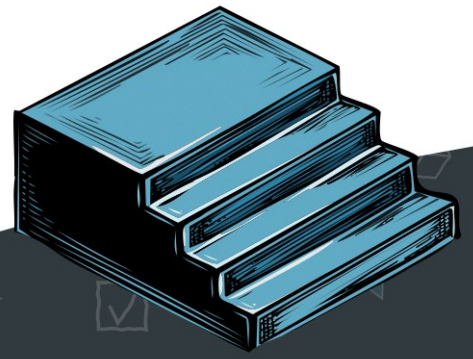


Click to refer for professional
awareness and prevention





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DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG PERSON WHO MIGHT NEED EXTRA SUPPORT?

Let's work together to keep them safe. The Catch22 STEPS service offers tailored support for young people aged 8-18 at risk of or experiencing exploitation. Visit our website to learn more and refer a young person to our service.



Support Through Exploitation and Prevention Service.

FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

steps@catch-22.org.uk



Assessment

- ✓ Initial screening assessments for children presenting with sexualised behaviours
- ✓ AIM3 and Aim Under 12's Assessments
- ✓ Capacity to protect Assessments

Therapeutic Interventions

- ✓ Individualised education and therapeutic Intervention packages including:
- ✓ Inappropriate/ Problematic and Harmful Sexualised Behaviours
- ✓ Children who experienced sexual harm and displayed sexualised behaviours (Dual experience)
- ✓ Child on child abuse
- ✓ Sibling sexual abuse
- ✓ Child sexual abuse
- ✓ Therapeutic interventions

Training and Education

- ✓ A range of accredited/ non accredited courses/ workshops / eLearning products for professionals, children and young people and organisations.
- ✓ Responding to a Disclosure of sexual violence.
- ✓ Sexualised behaviours and child on child abuse in schools
- ✓ Harmful sexualised behaviours
- ✓ Sibling sexual abuse
- ✓ Preventing and responding to sexual harassment in the workplace
- ✓ Bespoke packages available on request

Consultancy

- ✓ Advice, Guidance and consultation for professionals and organisation
- ✓ Advice and guidance for professional working with children/ families affected by sexual harm.
- ✓ Consultation for organisation to embed legislations/ guidance around sexual violence and harassment

For further information, advice or to make a referral please:
Call - 01905 677444

Email Enquiries@purpleleaf.org.uk or hannah.cooper@wmrsasc.org.uk

Website: <https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk>

Referrals: <https://www.dpmscloud.com/external/referralforgwestmerciarc>

Further Learning & Training Offers

For internal Shropshire Council staff (book via Leap):

- > Online Safety
- > Exploitation Pathway
- > Young Person's Substance Misuse, AI, Addiction and Exploitation

For external partners (book via Joint Training website):

- > Exploitation Pathway
- > Young Person's Substance Misuse, AI, Addiction and Exploitation
- > Online Safety | Shropshire Learning Gateway
- > Online Safety and Generative AI | Shropshire Learning Gateway

Partner Exploitation Training :

- > Exploitation and vulnerability training | West Mercia Police

TREES Website

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/childrens-social-care-and-health/child-exploitation/>

TREES Email

childexploitation@shropshire.gov.uk



National Referral Mechanism (NRM) Devolved Decision Making Pilot

Shropshire Council's has been selected for the national pilot to accelerate support for Child Victims of Exploitation

Shropshire Council is proud to announce its successful selection as one of eight new pilot sites for the Government's Devolved Decision-Making Process, aimed at delivering faster decision making to child victims of exploitation and modern slavery.

The pilot, which officially launched in Shropshire on 29 September 2025, transfers decision-making powers from the Home Office to specially trained local safeguarding teams – for Shropshire this will be our own embedded with our own TREES (Together, Reducing and Ending Exploitation in Shropshire) team.

This shift enables quicker, more informed decisions about whether a child referred through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a victim of modern slavery—and therefore entitled to vital support services.

Nationally, the pilot has already demonstrated significant impact, reducing average decision times from 471 days to just 101 days. By placing decisions in the hands of professionals who know the child and their circumstances best, the scheme ensures timely access to specialist care and protection.

As part of the pilot, each participating area is required to appoint a dedicated NRM Coordinator. Shropshire Council is pleased to confirm that George Davies (george.r.davies@shropshire.gov.uk), former Young People's Drugs and Alcohol Advisor, will take on this key role.

Andy Hall, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for children and education, said:

"As an Outstanding local authority for children's services we are always seeking to further develop our services and improve outcomes for children."

"We recognise the learning from other pilot authorities and, in particular, the shortened timescales for decision making for conclusive grounds decisions for children and young people following completion of the NRM referral. This can only be a positive factor when seeking to minimise and address the impact of harm for a young person when they have suffered harm and abuse through modern slavery."

"We remain resolute in supporting these young people in any way we can, and will work with our local partners to achieve this. The pilot offers a unique opportunity to take the leading role in decision making for these young people."

The pilot supports the Government's wider Plan for Change, which includes eliminating the NRM case backlog and improving outcomes for victims of modern slavery.

Shropshire Council looks forward to working closely with partners across health, education, police, and the voluntary sector to ensure the success of this initiative and to advocate for its national rollout.

The NRM process have not changed and practitioners are encouraged to continue to use Complete NRM Referral to submit NRM applications to the Single Competent Authority (SCA)/Home-Office.

[Council leaders welcome role in national pilot to speed up support for child victims of exploitation | Shropshire Star](#)
[Social workers take on child trafficking cases as pilot slashes support wait times | Social Work News](#)

Benzodiazepine **Warning** for young people in Shropshire

Emma Chant - With You

Immediate symptoms of benzodiazepine overdose can include:

- Problems with breathing
- Confusion or disorientation
- Feeling extremely dizzy (caused by low blood pressure)
- Uncontrolled eye movements
- Muscle weakness or tremor
- Lack of coordination
- Slurred speech
- Altered mental state
- Extreme drowsiness
- Slowed heart rate
- Falling into a coma



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Benzodiazepines are a group of sedative drugs. Some of these can be also called 'Benzos', 'Xanax', 'Xannies', 'Alprazolam'. Some people may be prescribed a type of benzodiazepine, while other types are only available illicitly (sometimes called street benzos). Street benzos often contain several different drugs, which can increase the risk of overdose.

How they can make me feel:

- When used illicitly, benzodiazepines are often taken to help people sleep after using drugs like cocaine, ecstasy, or LSD, or to help with anxiety.
- They can affect movement, cause extreme drowsiness, memory loss, and slow heart and breathing rate (this is especially likely if benzodiazepines are mixed with alcohol or other depressant drugs).

How can benzodiazepines impact the body?

- Lead to memory loss and falls
- Lead to developing a tolerance, which can lead to increased use and dependence
- Cause problems when trying stop using or cut back. This is known as withdrawal and can be very dangerous, as it can cause seizures

How to reduce harm:

- It's best not to use benzodiazepines alone. Using a buddy system (where one person takes their hit and waits until the peak effects have worn off before the other person uses) means someone can get help if needed
- As strength and purity can vary between batches, even if taken regularly, start with a small amount and wait before the next dose - start low, go slow
- Try not to mix drugs as this increases the risk of overdose. Combining benzodiazepines with alcohol or depressants (like opioids) is particularly dangerous as it slows heart and breathing rates
- Using individual equipment can help to prevent the spread of blood-borne viruses (BBVs) like Hep B, Hep C and HIV
- It's safer to swallow benzodiazepines than to inject them

What to do if someone overdoses:

- If someone passes out or falls asleep and you can't wake them up, put them in the recovery position (or on their side) and call 999
- If you have naloxone - give it, even if you're unsure what the person has taken. Street benzos can contain other substances that you might not be aware of.
- Naloxone reverses the effects of opioid drugs like heroin, morphine, methadone, and synthetic opioids. If someone hasn't overdosed on opioids, naloxone won't harm them. You may need to administer multiple doses, depending on what's been taken.

Getting help:

With You provide free, non-judgemental and confidential support for adults and young people experiencing challenges with drugs and alcohol. If you're concerned about benzodiazepine use or dependency, we can help. Please get in touch with our office on 01743 294700 or srpinfo@wearewithyou.org.uk to discuss Naloxone training opportunities for your staff team.

The High Sheriff of Shropshire



Click to watch and learn more...

[Youth Awareness Day on Vimeo](#)

Youth Awareness Day

Thursday October 16th 2025

Available to all schools throughout
Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin



A request from Jane Trowbridge, High Sheriff of Shropshire;

Please help me in my Youth Led initiative to

'raise money for the young, by the young'

During my Shrieval year I am focusing on “Empowering Marginalised Youth” and I am asking the youth of the County to stand up and support their generation. Please support them, and me—in this journey.

“Blue for Youth” – A Day of Unity

On Thursday, 16th October, schools across the region will wear blue as a symbol of solidarity and hope for the next generation. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a blue item of clothing and make a small voluntary donation to support youth charities and local initiatives.

Extended Enterprise Challenge

Schools can also take part in an Enterprise Challenge a longer-term fundraising project that empowers students to design and run their own mini ventures.

From selling handmade goods to organising events or providing services, the challenge is ideal for integration into business studies, enrichment programs or extracurricular clubs. Schools will be recognised for innovation, teamwork, and overall impact. Selected schools may even receive an official visit from High Sheriff Jane Trowbridge to celebrate their achievements.



How Schools can get Involved

To register your school or express interest in participating, please complete the Expression of Interest Form and send it to youthawarenessday@gmail.com

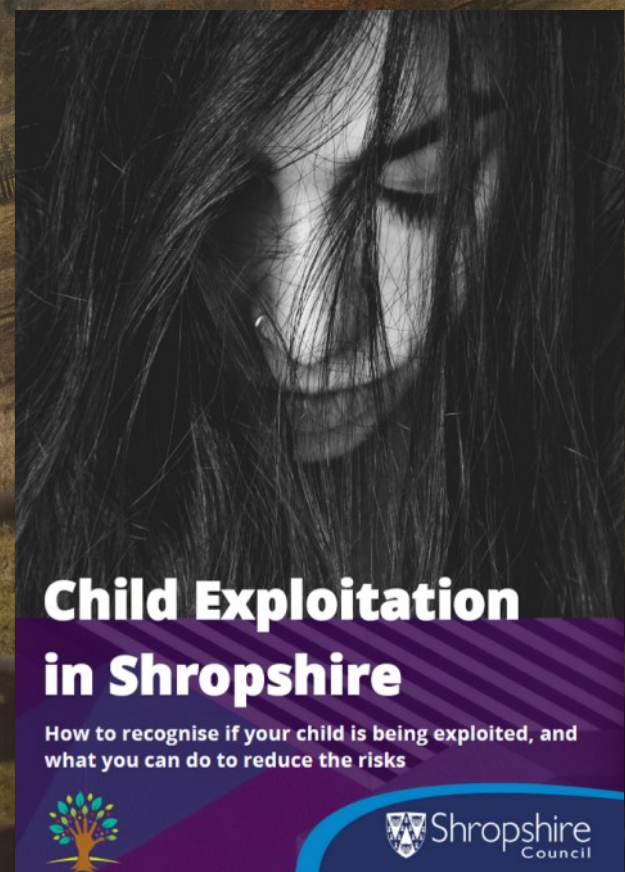
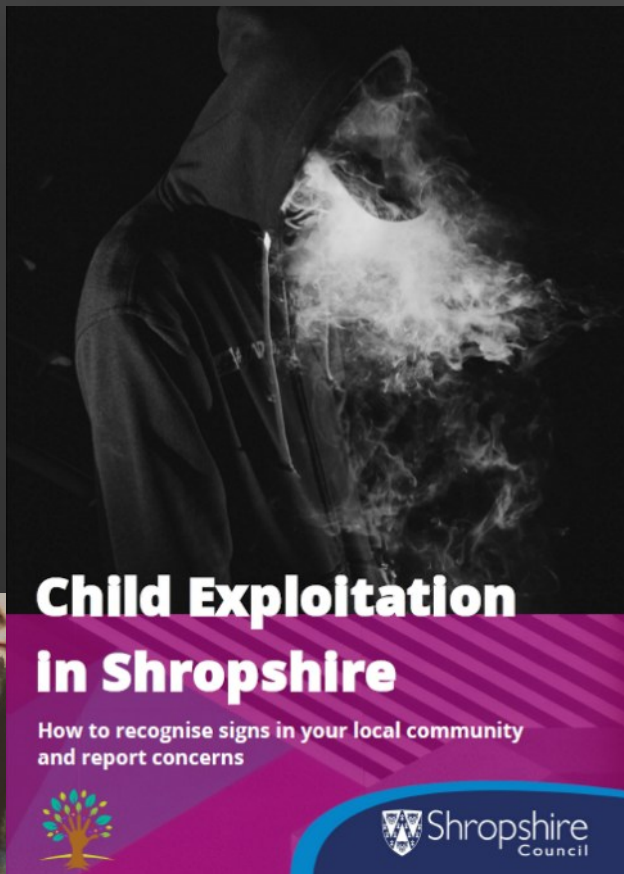


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Exploitation Leaflets

TREES have leaflets for anyone affected by exploitation—please visit ;
How can we support children who might be being exploited? | Shropshire Council





BRIGHTSTAR PROGRAMMES

Our mission is to Empower a brighter future!

Through our programmes we specialise in working with young people to thrive, using the combination of boxing, community and education. Here are some of our programmes that can support:

FUTURES

Our Futures programme offers alternative education for young people struggling in traditional settings, providing specialised support to help them achieve their potential. Each group includes a teacher, youth worker, and boxing coach, combining education, qualifications, mentoring, and boxing. Schools must refer students to this programme, which is available at venues across the West Midlands.



BOXING CLUB

We now have venues in Shifnal, Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton where we offer evening boxing sessions. We offer sessions for people of all ages and there is no need to complete a referral form.

Its £6 a session or £35 a month. The timetable is available on our social media and website.



MAKE SPORT WORK

We have partnered with Shrewsbury Town in the Community, Shropshire Cricket Board, and Embrace PE to offer a fully funded programme for individuals aged 16+ who are not in education, employment, or training. This 6-week programme combines qualifications, sport, and mentoring, running one full day per week to build confidence and prepare participants for employment. It's available at various locations across Shropshire, and participants need to be referred into the programme.



BELIEVE

Believe is a 12-week programme for young people aged 8-16, combining boxing and mentoring. Based in Shifnal, participants learn about control, emotions, thoughts, relationships, role models, and triggers, while also working towards their boxing awards. The programme runs on Tuesday evenings from 4-5:30 PM, with 12 places available and three staff members per session. The cost is £150 per participant, and referrals are required.



COUNTERPUNCH

Counterpunch is a mental health support programme for young people aged 11-16 and is based in our Shrewsbury site. This programme combines boxing and mentoring and is every Tuesday 5:30-6:30. This programme is £4 per session and there is no booking required.



TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT JOE LOCKLEY ON JOE.LOCKLEY@BRIGHTSTARBOXING.CO.UK

WWW.BRIGHTSTARBOXING.CO.UK

Child Exploitation Consultation Sessions

We are here to support you :)

Do you have a particular young person who you would like to discuss in more depth? If so, we are offering weekly consultations every Tuesday 2pm – 4pm.

The following professionals will be on hand to offer advice and support regarding all CCE, CSE and substance misuse queries:

- Donna Richards, Senior Social Worker, TREES Team
 - George Davies, NRM Coordinator Team
 - Stafford Mason, CE Lead for Early Help
 - Jo Smith, Education Access Service
 - Emma Chant, Senior Practitioner With You
- + Any professional, service or provision can be invited for consultation

To book a 30 minute timeslot, please use the self-booking service at: <https://shorturl.at/P6DRh>



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Useful Links

Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Tool

To be completed if you have concerns about a particular young person (parental consent required):

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/4cjN/exploitation-tools-and-pathways/?b=Shropshire>

Reporting Intelligence

Professionals are welcome to email non-urgent information directly to the police CE Team at:

CETeamShropshire@westmercia.police.uk

For full guidance on Intelligence Reporting please visit:

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/4cjN/exploitation-tools-and-pathways/?b=Shropshire>

TREES Website

Full of information, advice and guidance—the website also sets out what we are doing to prevent child exploitation;

[Child exploitation | Shropshire Council](#)

Child Exploitation Leaflets & Child Exploitation Directory

All leaflets related to child exploitation can be found on our website, as well as the CE Directory which outlines the support available to children and young people in Shropshire, including the parents, families and carers who support them;

[How can we support children who might be being exploited? | Shropshire Council](#)

Smarter Screening Tool

To be completed if you have concerns regarding a young person's use of substances:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/21573/with-you-smarter-screening-tool-vnov21.doc>

Partner Organisations

Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership - www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk

Early Help - www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

West Mercia Police - www.westmercia.police.uk

West Mercia Youth Justice Service - www.westmerciayouthjustice.org.uk

With You - www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/shropshire

Catch 22 - [STEPS \(Support Through Exploitation and Prevention Service\) | Catch22](#)

Purple Leaf - www.purpleleaf.org.uk

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