



Empowering Volunteers to Recognise and Respond to Child Sexual Exploitation

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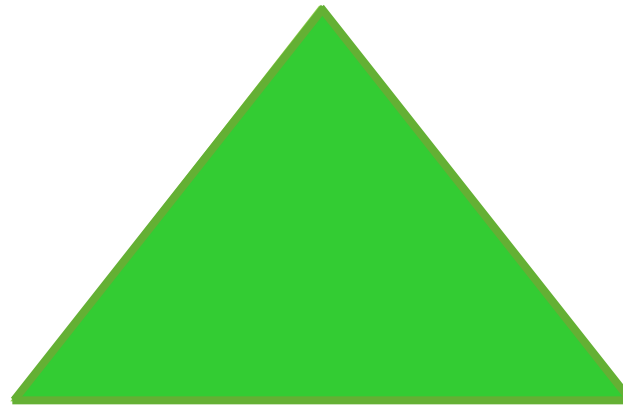
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The Perception – “Prostitution” or Sex Industry Triangle

“Child Prostitute” / “Rent Boy” / Sex Worker



Pimp / Facilitator

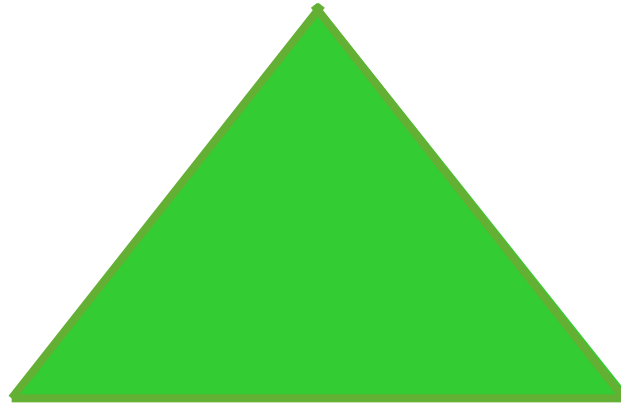
Punter / Customer

This model suggests that a child or young person is choosing their lifestyle; it allows facilitators, pimps and punters to justify and attempt to legitimise their abuse of children.



The Reality

Abused Child/Young Person



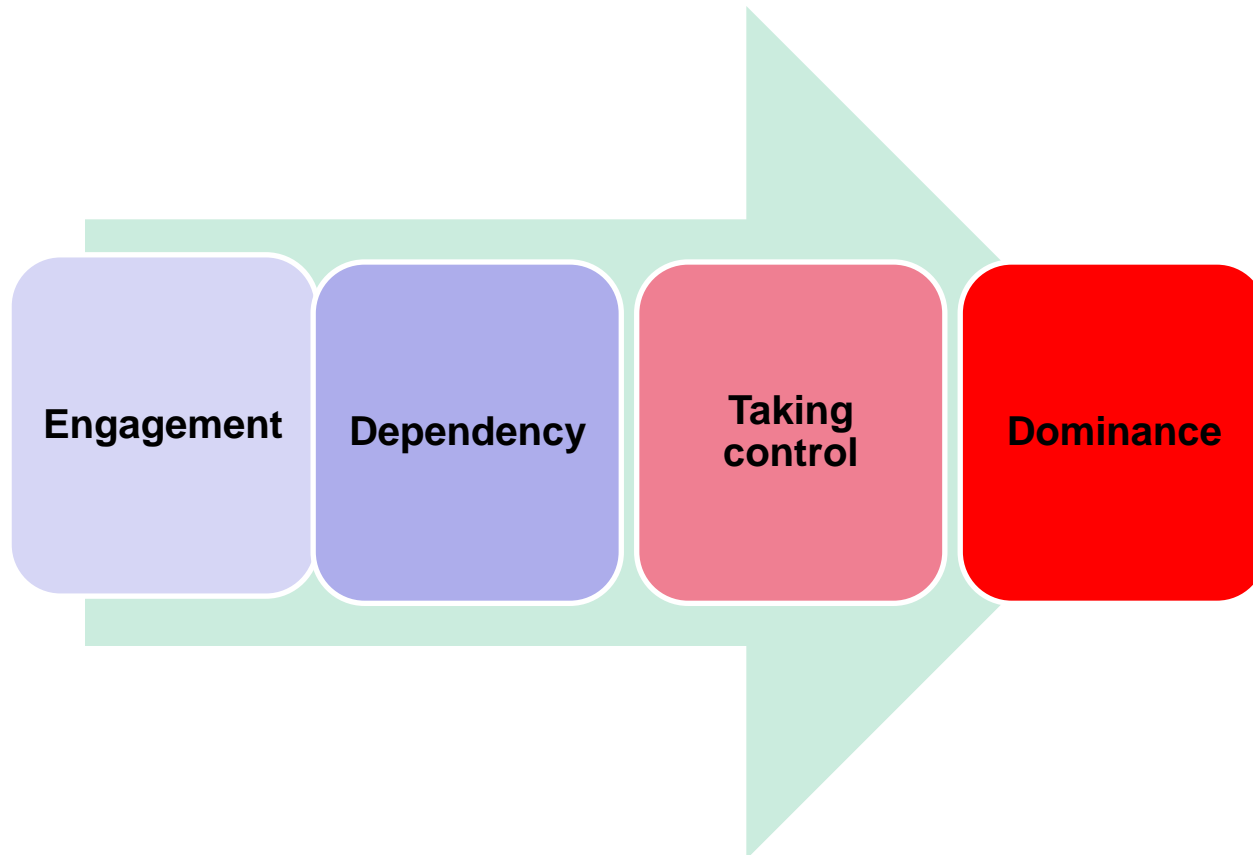
Child Abuser

Child Sex Offender

In the Protection Triangle we see that the child is a victim who needs protection from adult perpetrators. This reflects that there is a supply and demand side to the problem and that intervening in the entire system will have a more successful outcome than focusing on any individual part.

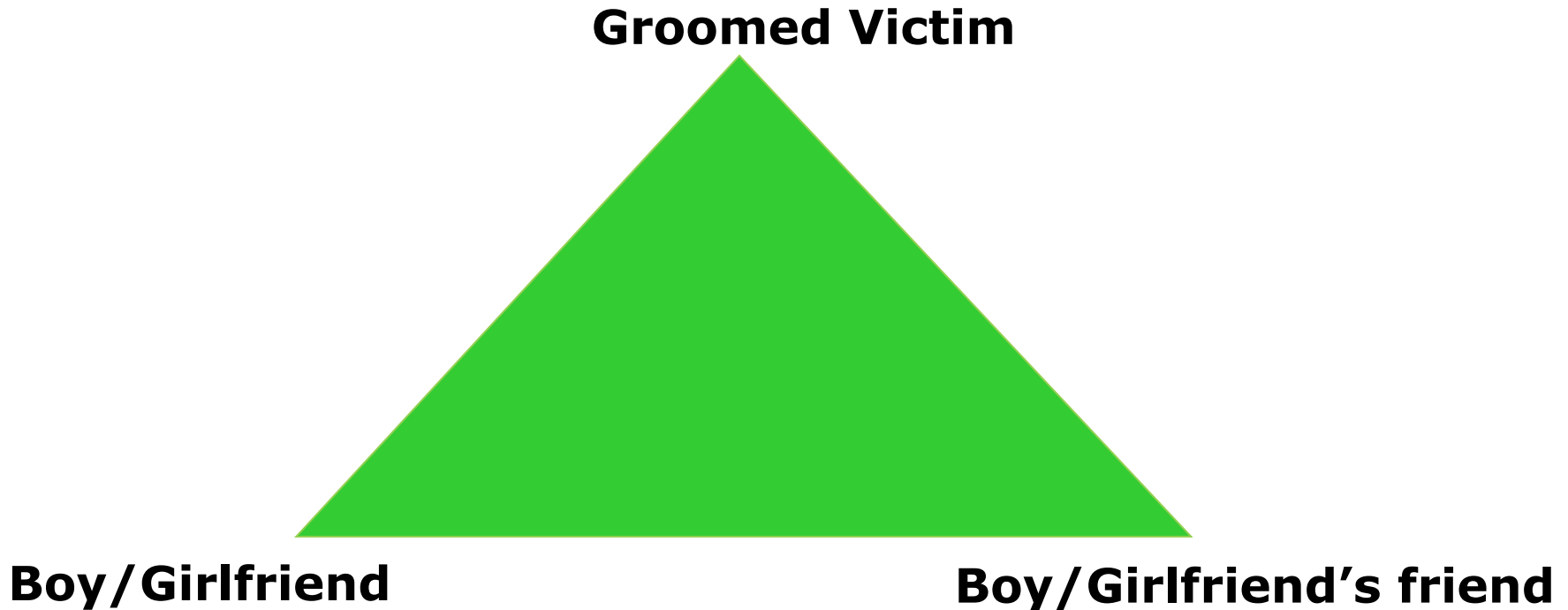


Pattern of Control





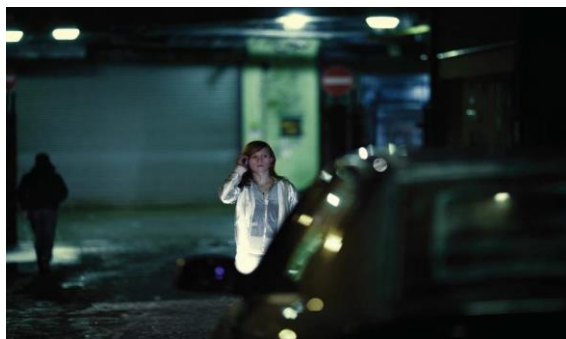
Groomed Victim's Triangle





Exploitation Intro – DVD

‘Beyond The Shadows’



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What is CSE?

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 this abuse.**



As with other forms of child sexual abuse, the presence of **perceived consent** does not undermine the **abusive nature of the act.**





Consent

In the context of child sexual exploitation, the term 'consent' refers to whether or not a child **understands** how one **gives** consent, **withdraws** consent and what situations (such as intoxication, duress, violence) can **compromise** the child or young person's ability to **consent freely** to sexual activity.



Young People's Definitions

- When a person uses a young person for sex: to **make money** or for their own enjoyment
- Getting to know someone, listening to them and talking about their problems. Making them trust you and then **using them for sex** or **selling** them to someone else
- **Earning trust** and making you do things that you wouldn't normally do
- Getting closer and closer to a young person with **malicious intent**



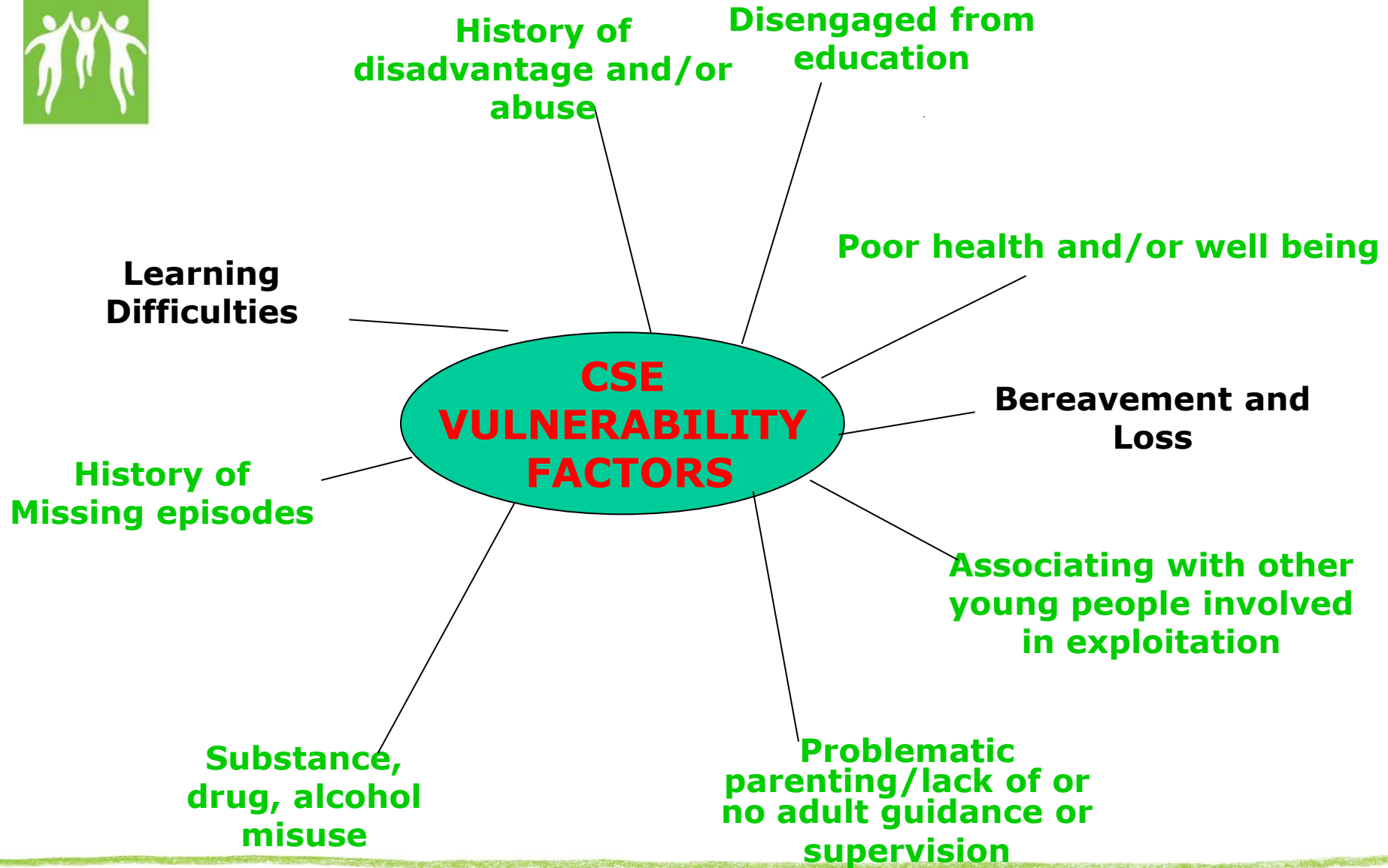
Any thoughts or questions?





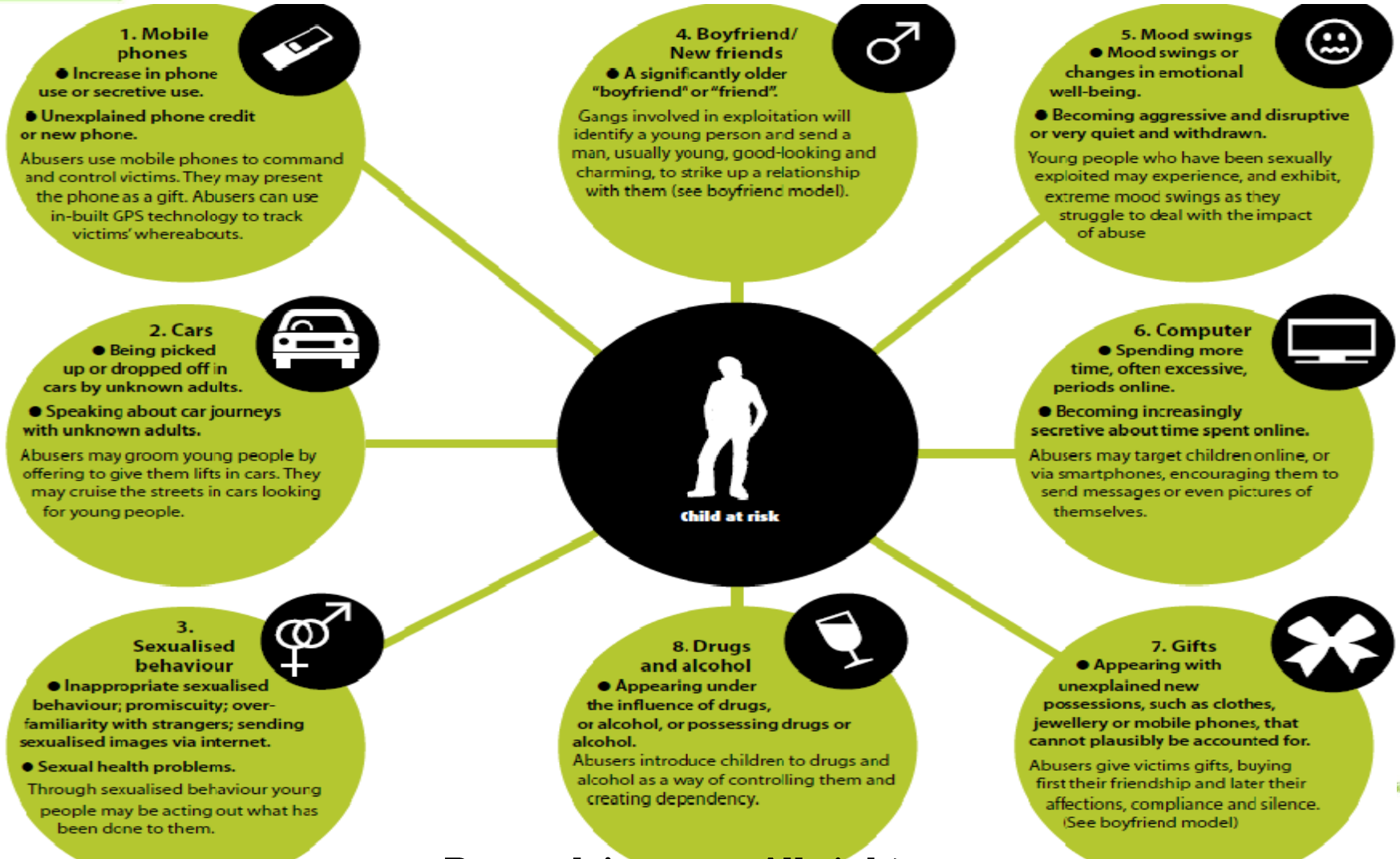
Identifying vulnerability and risk

- **Vulnerability factors** – aspects of a child's historical or current circumstances which may make them more susceptible to targeting and grooming for sexual exploitation
- **Risk indicators** – signs or 'symptoms' which might alert you that a young person could be experiencing sexual exploitation





Indicators



The grooming line



Targeting stage

- Observing the child/ young person
- Selection of child/ young person
- Befriending – being nice, giving gifts, caring, taking an interest, giving compliments, etc
- Gaining and developing trust
- Sharing information about young people between other abusive adults



Friendship forming stage

- Making young people feel special
- Giving gifts and rewards
- Spending time together
- Listening and remembering
- Keeping secrets
- Being there for them
- 'No-one understands you like I do'; being their best friend
- Testing out physical contact – accidental touching
- Offering protection



Loving relationship stage

- Being their boyfriend/girlfriend
- Establishing a sexual relationship
- Lowering their inhibitions – eg showing them pornography
- Engaging them in forbidden activities – eg going to clubs, drinking, taking drugs
- Being inconsistent – building up hope and then punishing them

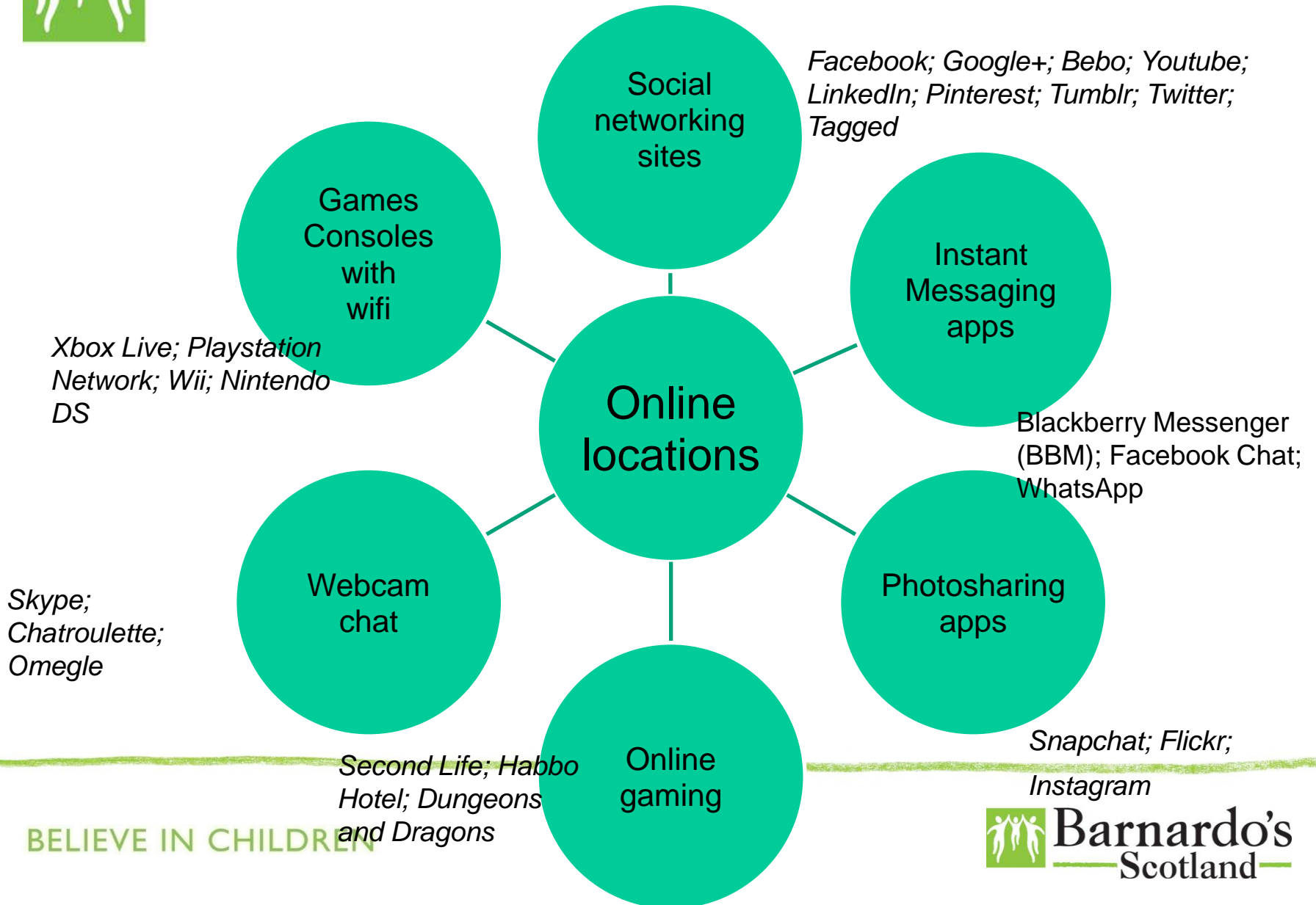


Abusive relationship stage

- Becomes an 'unloving' sexual relationship
- Withdrawal of love and friendship
- Reinforcing dependency on them – stating young person is 'damaged goods'
- Isolation from family and friends
- Trickery and manipulation – 'you owe me'
- Threatening behaviour
- Physical violence
- Sexual assaults
- Making them have sex with other people
- Giving them drugs
- Playing on the young person's feeling of guilt, shame and fear



Typology of Online Interactions



CSE in the News



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6 February 2013 Last updated at 17:02

Oxford exploitation trial: Girls ran away from children's home

Girls at a children's home who were allegedly abused by a group of men would run away and return showing signs of sexual activity, a court has heard.



A worker at the Oxfordshire home told the Old Bailey staff were aware two girls had been with "older men".

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More than 2,000 children 'victims of sex grooming'

By Dominic Casciani
BBC News home affairs correspondent

The first UK-wide study of street grooming of children has found more than 2,000 victims of systematic abuse.

The ethnicity of around half the offenders was not known but in the remainder a quarter of offenders were Asian and 38% were white.

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (Ceop) warned against focusing on ethnicity over the issue.



Mohammed Liaqat (left) and Abid Saddique, 27. Convicted in grooming case

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Children as young as 10 'groomed for sex by gangs'

Children as young as 10 are being sexually exploited by organised gangs of men in cities across the UK, a leading charity says.

Barnardo's says it is working with more than 1,000 children who have been groomed, abused and trafficked for money, and the problem is growing.

It says a specific minister must be given formal responsibility for tackling the issue.



Barnardo's says sexual grooming is becoming more organised with use of the internet and mobile phones

The Department for Education said it was determined to take action.

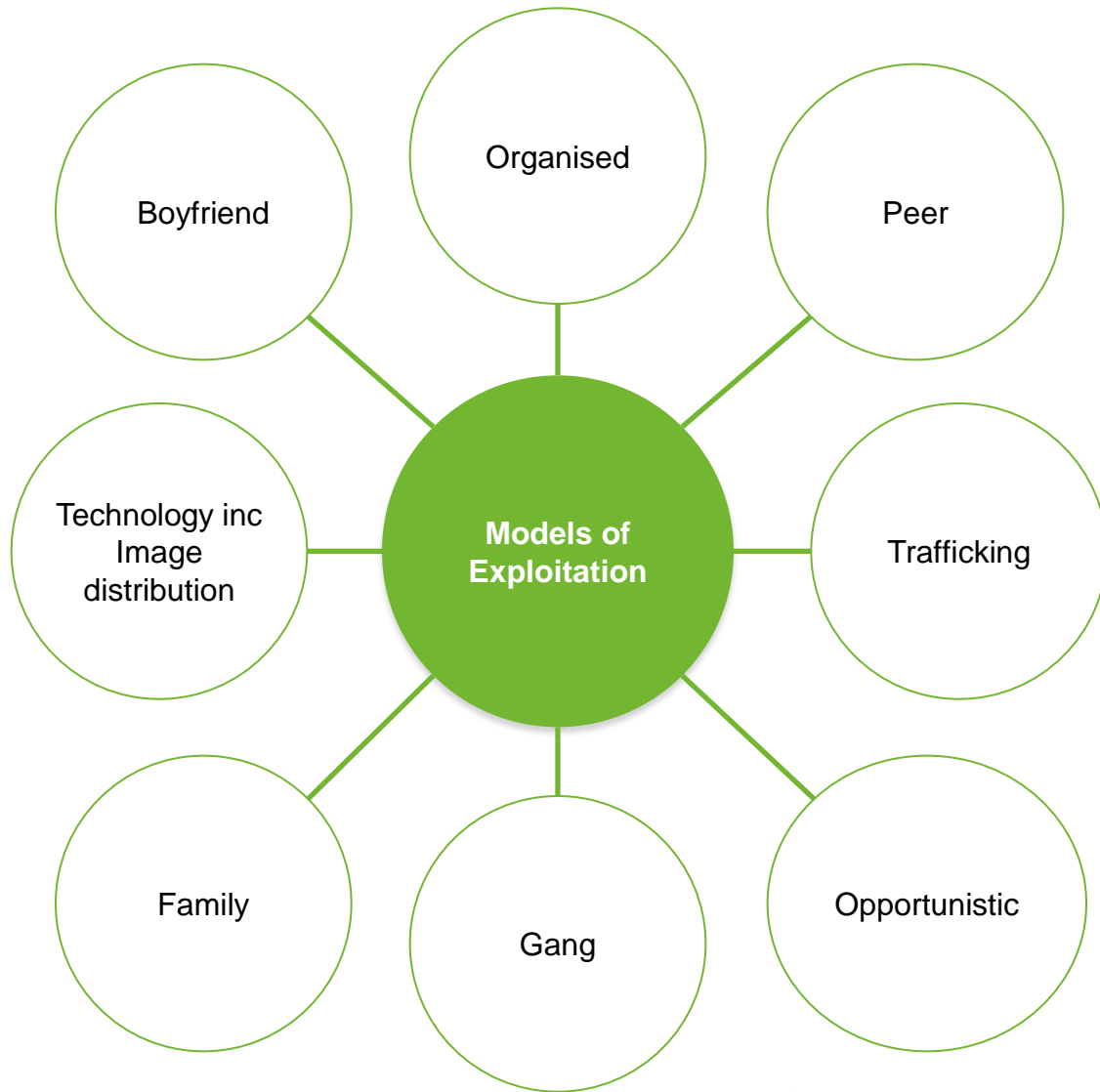
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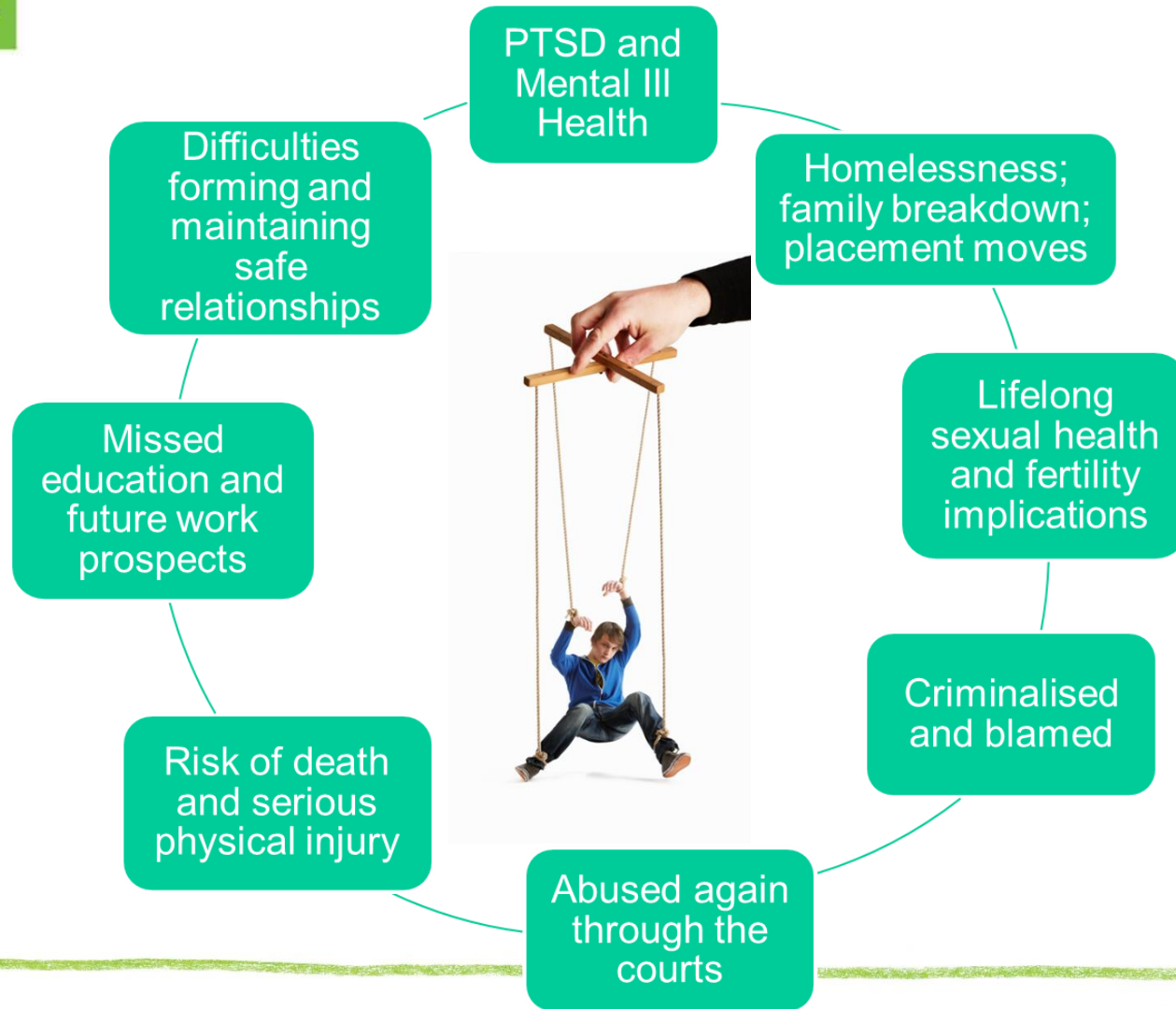
Boys and Young Men

- Boys less likely to be identified as victims
- In line with gender stereotypes and wider societal perceptions, professionals' attitudes towards boys and young men can be less protective than towards girls.
- Professionals working with sexually exploited boys and young men found that they are more likely to express their anger and trauma externally and be labelled as 'aggressive', 'violent', or an 'offender', whereas girls are more likely to internalise their distress.
- Male service users were more likely to be referred by criminal justice agencies and less likely to be referred by social services and education. Very few males or females were referred by health services.

Hidden in Plain Sight, 2014



The Global Impact of CSE Trauma





Supporting Young People at risk of CSE

With own increased awareness of issues

- Sexual Exploitation is ABUSE – not a lifestyle choice
- Young people will rarely disclose exploitation
- Ability to identify Vulnerability Factors, Indicators, and Push/Pull factors

Multi Agency response

- Package of support based on sound assessment and early intervention
- Reduction of presenting risk indicators
- Increased awareness of young persons own rights and awareness

Engagement with communities

- Role of residential community – eyes and ears
- Role of night time economy – locations, facilitation



What to Remember

- CSE is **NOT new**. It is a form of Child Sexual Abuse and should be treated as a child protection issue/concern
- Young people **CANNOT** choose to be exploited – CSE is NOT a lifestyle choice
- CSE can be organised between
 - One victim and One perpetrator
 - Multiple victims (known and not known to one another) and
 - Multiple perpetrators and multiple victims
- **ALWAYS** take appropriate advice and share any concerns with a line manager
- It is everyone's responsibility for reporting concerns – no matter how small



- What training do I need?
- What training do my mentors need?
- How should the mentor training be delivered?



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