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*The Achieve and Learn Trust believes that nothing is more important than safeguarding the young people in our schools.*

*We have been made aware that there is an increase in young people in Trafford being exploited by older people to sell drugs and carry weapons for them. This is called Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). When children are exploited for sex, this is called Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The bulletins this term will focus on how you can be alert to the signs of both and where to seek help and advice in protecting your child.*

## Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

Child criminal exploitation (CCE) is when young people are manipulated by gangs and criminals into committing crimes, like holding onto or selling drugs, carrying weapons and committing theft or burglary.

A young person may be caught up in CCE and not even realise it, because to them being part of a gang feels like being with their friends. They feel important, protected and respected.



Some young people are also made to feel like they have no choice but to commit these crimes, and they'll be scared to speak out about what is happening. This short video gives information about the signs to look out for <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqKoniODi8o>

## Pace

Parents against child exploitation



Children are being groomed and forced into criminal activity. It can include moving drugs, theft and deceptive crimes. Knowing the signs can help to intervene early and keep children safe.

### Some facts



- Boys and girls are both at risk
- Children tend to be living at home
- Children are being targeted in every area of the UK

### Signs

- ➔ Frequently going missing from home or school
- ➔ Coming home after missing episodes looking unwell
- ➔ Being found with drugs
- ➔ Being found in a different area
- ➔ Increasingly disruptive or aggressive at school and home
- ➔ Anxiety/distress over mobile phone
- ➔ Unexplained money, mobile phones, clothes or electronics
- ➔ Increased interest in money
- ➔ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ➔ Having friends or associates who they are secretive about

**Worried  
about your  
child?**

#### Contact the Police

If you think a young person is in immediate danger, call the Emergency Services on 999.

#### Contact Pace

Parents can access support and advice from Pace about how to intervene early, liaise with local services and put measures in place to keep children safe from exploitation.  
[www.paceuk.info](http://www.paceuk.info)