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## Child Exploitation Safeguarding Practice Week

13 - 17 October 2025

**Welcome to Child Exploitation Safeguarding Practice Week. This weeklong initiative is hosted by Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) Safeguarding Children Partnerships. It is designed to support multi-agency professionals working with children and families across the four local authority areas.**



### WHAT IS CHILD EXPLOITATION?

Child exploitation is a form of extra-familial harm, which refer to risks to a child's welfare that arise outside the home – within peer groups, communities or online environments. These harms often occur without the knowledge of parents or carers or they may be struggling to protect their child from external threats. While exploitation typically originates beyond the family, parental neglect or lack of supervision can increase a child's vulnerability.

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### TYPES OF EXTRA-FAMILIAL HARM

- Child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- Group-based exploitation ('grooming gangs')
- Child criminal exploitation (CCE)
- Modern slavery and trafficking
- Gang activity and youth violence
- Online exploitation
- Radicalisation

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**It is essential to recognise that a child cannot consent to their own exploitation. They are victims of abuse, and our language must reflect that to ensure they are protected, supported and not blamed.**