



Our learning Journey

Norfolk shadow safeguarding board and the Norfolk In Care Council and
Norfolk Police Cadets

The beginning

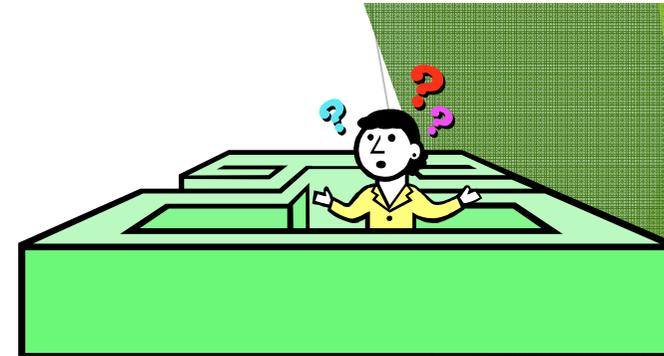
We were asked by Abigail McGarry The NSCB manager to look at child sexual exploitation (CSE) on behalf of the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB).

We were asked to explore;

- Our understanding
- The understanding of a small set of other young people we know
- What we thought of when we heard the term CSE.
- What we thought the risk groups were
- What we would recommend doing about this



Our Findings Our understanding



- None of us had ever heard the term before except on the news and neither had any of the other young people we asked.
- This meant we really had to go away and read up on what it was.
- The more we heard the more concerned we became
- We needed to make sure we understood the difference between sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- We asked our parents social care workers and foster carers about it to find out what they knew.

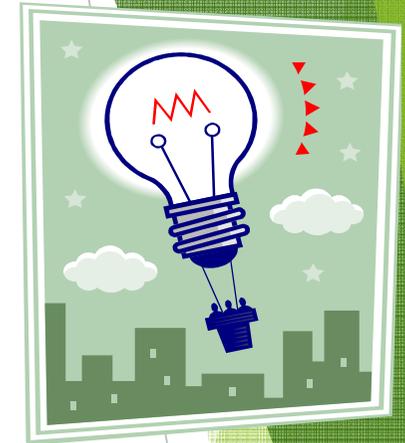
Our Findings The groups most at risk

- I think the first thing we realised is that all young people are at risk.
- We could see that some groups were perhaps more at risk than others like;
- Being in care
- Being isolated , because of where you live or because you don't have many friends
- Being bullied
- Not feeling loved at home
- Poor self confidence
- Learning disabilities or mental health concerns



So our recommendations

- That people need to know what CSE is
- The message needs to be clear, simple and straightforward it is a hard subject to understand
- We would like to see an awareness raising campaign that is aimed at the signs and risk factors rather than concentrating on any risk groups
- We want everyone to understand what the signs are , what to do if you are concerned about someone.
- We would like to see this covered in every school in year 7-8 as part of their personal development lessons.



An unexpected finding

- Two young females that had been working on this project, one as a member and one as a co facilitator had been affected by CSE
- They did not realise this until they had started this work.
- They had just been told and thought they had been in an abusive, bad relationship, domestic abuse.



So where now?

- After presenting our first set of recommendations to the NSCB several things have happened.
- This conference
- Bringing Chelsea's Choice to Norfolk
- Looking at a wider awareness raising campaign
- Along with the Norfolk Police Cadets we are looking at a wider awareness raising campaign



Together we can stop CSE in Norfolk

Thank you for listening to us

Do you have any questions?

