Sexual exploitation is happening in Luton, NOW…

Do you know what it looks like?

It is any sexual activity when someone lacks the ability to agree to what is happening to them.

If you are concerned about someone report it! Call the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01582 547653 or 999 in an emergency.

www.luton.gov.uk/adultsafeguarding
REALISE WHAT IT IS

- rape, attempted rape or sexual assault
- inappropriate touching
- masturbation when one of those involved does not want it to happen
- sexual penetration or attempted penetration of the vagina, anus or mouth when one of those involved does not want it to happen
- any sexual activity when someone lacks the ability to agree to what is happening
- inappropriate looking, sexual teasing or innuendo or sexual harassment
- sexual photography or forced use of pornography or witnessing of sexual acts
- indecent exposure

Sometimes a person can be exploited by many people, not just one. Certain adults may be at more risk from sexual exploitation than others, especially those who are in a vulnerable position, such as adults:

- with a learning disability
- with a sensory or physical disability
- who are frail or elderly and depend on or need help from others
- with mental health problems
- with dementia
- who are young and still learning to look after themselves
As well as understanding who is most likely to be a victim of sexual exploitation, it is really important to be able to spot some of the tell-tale signs of when it is happening. This is because the victims themselves may not be aware or because they try and pretend everything is OK when it isn’t. There may be physical signs or changes in patterns of behaviour.

**They may include:**
- bruising, particularly to the thighs, buttocks and upper arms and marks on the neck
- torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- bleeding, pain or itching in the genital area
- unusual difficulty in walking or sitting
- foreign bodies in genital or rectal openings
- infections, unexplained genital discharge, or sexually transmitted diseases
- pregnancy in a woman who is unable to consent to sexual intercourse
- uncharacteristic use of explicit sexual language or significant changes in sexual behaviour or attitude
- incontinence not related to any medical diagnosis
- self-harming
- poor concentration, withdrawal, sleep disturbance
- excessive fear/apprehension of, or withdrawal from, relationships
- fear of receiving help with personal care
- reluctance to be alone with a particular person
- sudden increase in money
- asking for something on behalf of a “friend” or “boyfriend”
- relationships with controlling individuals or groups

**RECOGNISE THE SIGNS**

**REPORT IT**
- Call Police on **999** if you think someone is in real danger
- Call Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on **01582 547653** or, outside of office hours call **0300 300 8123** or email **mash@luton.gcsx.gov.uk**
- Call Police on **101** if you have information on possible offenders
- Talk to a professional about your concerns
- Email **adultsafeguarding@luton.gov.uk**
- Call **01582 547730**

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**Luton Safeguarding Adults Board**

Working in partnership to protect adults at risk
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✉ mash@luton.gcsx.gov.uk
☎ 0300 300 8123 (Out of hours)

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