

research in practice

Child sexual abuse

Child sexual abuse is a type of child abuse. Sexual abuse can include contact and non-contact actions by a person or child that causes significant harm. The impacts of abuse are wide-ranging and can be apparent across the life course.

This selection of learning resources about child sexual abuse can be used to support evidence-informed practice with children, young people and families.

Read

Longer read: [Online abuse – recognition and response: Frontline Briefing \(2017\)](#)

Longer read: [Working effectively to address child sexual exploitation: Evidence Scope \(2017\)](#)

Quick read: [Building trust with survivors of child sexual abuse \(2023\)](#)

Tools

[Intra-familial child sexual abuse: Risk factors, indicators and protective factors: Practice Tool \(2018\)](#)

[Online abuse - recognition and response: Frontline Tool \(2017\)](#)

Listen

35 minutes: [Participation as protection \(2023\)](#)

Tackling Child Exploitation: Multi-agency practice principles

These principles are designed to support effective partnership working across different local contexts, providing a common language and framework to better respond to child exploitation and extra-familial harm. The eight Practice Principles are evidence-informed, which means they draw on the expertise of children, young people, parents, carers and professionals and on what we know from research.

Resources: The micro-site includes resources to support practice reflection, partnership reflection, working with parents and carers, and including children and young people in strategic change.

Implementation: It also includes resources to support professionals and partnerships to share and implement the Principles.



Watch

4 minutes: [Recognising harmful sexual behaviour \(2023\)](#)

5 minutes: [Harmful sexual behaviours displayed by children and young people \(2023\)](#)

5 minutes: [Technology assisted harmful sexual behaviours \(2023\)](#)



Reflect

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For more resources, explore the [child sexual abuse topic page](#).