

# **Child Sexual Exploitation**

## **A Specification for Training Course Approvals**

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#### **Background:**

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity

- in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/ or
- for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator.

The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. CSE does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

This specification provides the framework to assess applications from training providers who wish to have their CSE awareness course recognised and approved to provide Driver Certificate of Professional Competence.

This specification outlines the minimum training course content requirement for CSE awareness raising training.

It is essential that the training course provides for a safe learning environment; that all discussions are conducted in the third party and an understanding that due to the subject matter, participants may need support and/or signposted to appropriate agencies.

## **Specification:**

Approved training providers who wish to deliver CSE Awareness training must be able to demonstrate that each course **MUST** last for a **MINIMUM of 3 hours 30 minutes**. The following elements must be covered in the course syllabus:

- What is CSE?
- Who does CSE affect?
- Recognising and identifying the signs of CSE:
  - Grooming
  - Vulnerability
  - Indicators
  - Consent
- The differing contexts in which CSE may occur.
- What is known about perpetrators?
- Explaining the importance of safeguarding children and young people.
- Explaining the participant's role in helping to protect vulnerable children and young people.
- How to report concerns and what actions to take if a child or young person is suspected of being sexually exploited.
- Case studies/scenarios to illustrate the context of CSE in the taxi driving.

## **Course Developer/Trainer competence**

- Occupational – the developer of a training course must be able to demonstrate a minimum of three years' experience in a safeguarding setting and an ability to demonstrate a current understanding of CSE in the Northern Ireland context.

And

- Vocational – the individual responsible for delivering the training course must have a minimum of one year's experience in the delivery of training.