Technology Assisted Child Sexual Exploitation (TA-CSE)

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a type of sexual abuse. When a child or young person is exploited, they could be given gifts, drugs, money, status, and affection, in exchange for performing sexual activities. Children and young people are often tricked into believing they are in a loving and consensual relationship, or they have status within a group. This is called grooming and difficult for children to understand since they are tricked into trusting their abuser and not understand that they are exploited and coerced . The aim of the TA-CSE Branch Worker is to support the young person identify safe and unsafe relationships and build their resilience to exploitation and where exploitation has impacted the young person the Branch worker will support the child through their recovery and better able to cope with the impact of exploitation.

Some indicators of online / offline exploitation could be:
- constant use of technology.
- a new bank account -unexplained gifts.
- going missing from home and not attending school.
- change in their behaviour.
- isolated from friends and family.

What support can we provide?

We can offer support in the following areas:
technology assisted CSE
- grooming
- financial exploitation
- gaming
- internet safety
- social media
- trafficking
- sexting
- live streaming
- unhealthy apps and how these might link in with self-harm

My Internet Right!

TA-CSE support offers 12 one to one sessions where workers use #MyInternetRight—a specialist educational resources developed by WMRSASC to facilitate education and awareness support for young people. The topics include online identity, who else is on the internet, online exploitation, consent, protection, and empowerment.

If a professional would like to explore a potential referral, or to have an informal discussion please contact:
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