



# Safer Seven

On: All Age Exploitation in Dudley



## 1. What do we mean by Exploitation?

The West Midlands regional definition of exploitation is:

An individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a person and exploits them:

- through violence or the threat of violence, and/or
- for financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or
- in exchange for something the victim needs or wants.

## 2. Who can be Exploited

Anybody can be exploited regardless of age, gender or background.

The victim may have been exploited even if the activity appears consensual due to his /her specific situation.

Exploitation does not always involve physical contact, it can also occur through the use of technology, e.g. as the result of a grooming process which takes place during conversations in chat rooms, or through the use of social media.

## 3. What does exploitation look like?

**Exploitation can take many forms and can include:**

- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (e.g. Sexual exploitation; Forced labour; Forced criminality; Domestic servitude)
- Online harms and cyber crime
- Radicalisation
- Financial Abuse (including predatory marriage)
- Organisational crime and abuse (Persons in a Position of Trust)

## 4. What to look out for:

- Changes in use of technology / social media
- Limited contact with family and/or limited social contact
- Lack of money / Having more money than usual or things they can't usually afford
- Poor living conditions
- Evidence of control of movement
- Others trying to speak for the person you are trying to engage with
- Having no personal Identification or passport/documents held by someone else

## Where can I report concerns?

- Ensure concerns are reported as soon as possible.
- Follow the Dudley Pathway: [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

For advice and guidance call:

**The Modern Slavery Helpline**  
**08000 121 700**

## 6. Training:

**eLearning can be accessed via:**  
<https://dudleysafeguarding.event-booking.org/elearning-list>

## 7. Further information:

- Visit the [DSPP Adult exploitation web page](#)
- Visit the [DSPP Child exploitation web page](#)
- Visit the [Safe and Sound Helphub](#)