

Torri'r Cylch Breaking the Cycle

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Trafficking & Human Slavery
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Who are we?

We are a multi agency team who work together, aiming to improve the lives of vulnerable children who often go missing.



These children are at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Trafficking and/or Human Slavery.

We look to find better ways of working together across different agencies, such as the Police, Social Services, Education and Health.

So... what does 'Missing' mean ? ? ?

Missing: You are missing if you go away from where you are meant to be without permission and fail to tell people where you are going or who you are with



Why would school or home report me as missing?

Both your parents/carers and School have a duty to keep you safe whilst you are in their care.

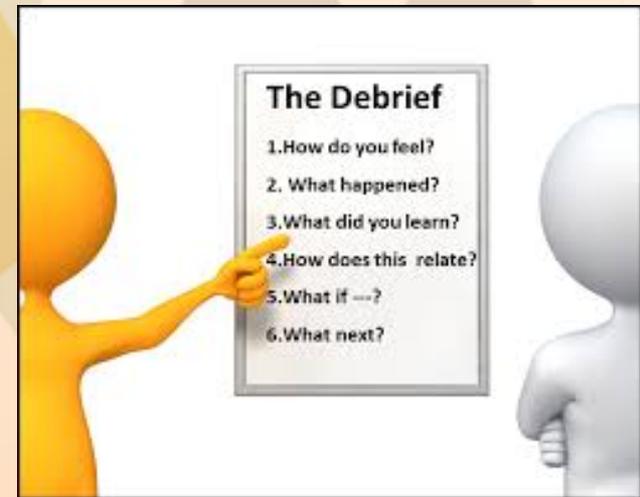


If your whereabouts are not known and home or school are concerned that you may not be safe or are at risk of coming to harm then they MUST report you as missing to the Police.

What do we do when you are reported as missing?

The team create and maintain a database of risk assessments for all children up to age of 18 who have been reported missing in the Gwent Police area.

The risk assessment gathers information from health, education, police, social services and the young person via the debrief process.



The Process



The Debrief

We think it is important that you should be given the chance to talk to someone about what is troubling you and may have caused you to runaway. A Debrief Worker may come to visit you at home or in school.

Our Debrief Workers are Rachel and Clare and Sam is our Mediation Worker.

They're really nice and understand why you may have gone missing and the things that may of happened to you whilst you have been gone.

They are non-judgemental, they care, they listen, they help.

They can also put you in contact with other people who may be able to help you further, such as counselling, victim support, housing, education, sexual health, and many other support services.

The most important thing for everyone is that you are
safe and well and
that you feel you can talk to someone about **ANYTHING**
that is wrong



Don't be silly... Hardly anyone goes Missing!

During the academic year (1st September 2016 and 31st July 2017) **4738** children in Gwent were reported as Missing

74% of these children were in full time education

1782 (38%) of these children were from the Newport area

As at 15/11/2017 there have been **2046** children's names entered on the Missing Children database





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School know nothing about me !!!

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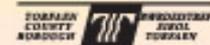
I'M SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A...

TEACHER

I am a counselor and psychologist to a problem-filled child,
I am a police officer that controls a child gone wild.
I am a travel agent scheduling our trips for the year,
I am a confidante that wipes a crying child's tear.
I am a banker collecting money for a ton of different things,
I am a librarian showing adventures that a storybook brings.
I am a custodian that has to clean certain little messes,
I am a psychic that learns to know all that everybody only guesses.
I am a photographer keeping pictures of a child's yearly growth,
When mother and father are gone for the day, I become both.
I am a doctor that detects when a child is feeling sick,
I am a politician that must know the laws and recognize a trick.
I am a party planner for holidays to celebrate with all,
I am a decorator of a room, filling every wall.
I am a news reporter updating on our nation's current events,
I am a detective solving small mysteries and ending all suspense.
I am a clown and comedian that makes the children laugh,
I am a dietitian assuring they have lunch or from mine I give them half.
When we seem to stray from values, I become a preacher,
But I'm proud to have to be these people because ...
I'm proud to say, "I am a teacher."

~by Stacy Bonino

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Missing - Can sometimes mean something else is going on in a child's life

Missing children are amongst the most vulnerable people in our communities and adults have a shared responsibility to protect them from harm and to help them improve their lives.

Going missing is a key indicator that something is not right in a child's life.

We recognise this and want to help to try and sort things out for you.



Reasons why children may go missing

- Problems at home
- Family break-up
- Mental health problems
- Substance misuse
- Bullying, racial harassment, homophobia
- Teenage pregnancy
- Forced Marriage
- Honour Based Violence
- Online and Social Media: Cyber bullying, grooming and sexual exploitation
- Modern Slavery Inc. CSE & Trafficking
- Peers
- Female Genital Mutilation
- School Problems, bullying, learning needs
- Looked after Children and Young People
 - Away from home
 - Care Planning
 - Staff perceptions, skills
 - Wrong placement
 - Fun- no stimulation/attention
 - Not being listened to
 - Lack of love
 - Wanting to be near friends or family

Exposed

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ovR3FF_6us



You've mentioned Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) - What is this ???

Sexual exploitation

Some people form relationships with young people to use them for sex. People who do this want young people to think they are a friend, or a boyfriend or girlfriend. They want to gain their trust to get power over them. They might also use bribes, threats, humiliation and even violence to get power over them.

They use that power to force them to have sex, or do sexual things, with them and sometimes with other people.

This is sexual exploitation and it's a crime.

Sexual exploitation is very harmful to young people with the potential to affect every part of their health, happiness and development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VypuNbXyOqg>

Who does this happen to?

Sexual exploitation or abuse in a relationship can happen to boys and girls.

It can be really hard to spot abusive behaviour and sexual exploitation as people often think that they're in a good relationship, even after things have turned bad.

If you are a victim of abuse in a relationship or sexual exploitation it is **NEVER** your fault.

Its not because he loves you...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdJt2g28q6k> - KS4 - Y10/Y11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5WEnqng1Hk> - KS3 Y9 Girl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JpyO5XlfCo> - KS3 Y9 Boy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o8auwnJtqE - KS2 & KS3 Y7/Y8

5 warning signs to look out for...

It can be really hard to spot when someone is abusing or exploiting a relationship. Some possible signs that they're not all they seem:

1. To get to know you they give you lots of attention.

We all like attention and it's nice to feel wanted. But if someone tries to get to know you by giving you lots of attention, ask yourself - what do they really want?

2. They give you gifts, like phone credit, alcohol or jewellery.

This can be exciting and make you feel good about someone but, if they want sex in return, they are trying to exploit you.

3. They try to isolate you from your friends or family.

They will say that they are the only person you need and tell you that your friends or family won't understand or you'll be in trouble. Remember, the people who care about you will want to protect you.

4. They have mood swings.

If someone flips between being 'very nice' and 'very nasty', you can feel like you need to do things to keep them happy. This can be a sign they are trying to control you.

5. They make promises or threats.

Abusers use many tricks to control young people. They may make promises they can't keep, ask them to keep secrets or threaten them. Some become violent.

How can I stay safe?

Trust yourself to know when something is wrong.

If someone makes you feel unsafe, pressured or frightened, follow your instincts and get help.

Consider whether you can trust people you don't know.

Even if they seem friendly, exciting or offer you gifts. Ask yourself - why are they being nice and doing me favours? What do they want in return?

You don't have to do things that you think are unsafe.

If you feel nervous about doing something seek help from someone you trust.

You should never be put under pressure to have sex.

You should never feel you have to have sex.

Know where to get help. Keep contact details of an adult you trust with you, written down and on your phone. Keep your phone topped up with credit.

Are you worried that this might be happening to you?

Talk to someone

If you are worried about a situation that you, or a friend, is in you should talk to an adult you trust as soon as you can. People who can help include parents, teachers, police officers social workers and youth workers.

It can be really difficult to talk about this sort of thing.

But there are many agencies that can offer you confidential support.

Who can help ???

ChildLine

The UK's free, confidential helpline for young people of all ages who are upset or in danger. Counsellors provide support over the phone and online 24 hours a day.

www.childline.org.uk or call **0800 1111**

Brook

Free, confidential sexual health information and support services for young people under 25.

www.brook.org.uk

CEOP - Child Exploitation & Online Protection

CEOP is a law enforcement agency and is here to help keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. If you make a report to us it will be read by one of our Child Protection Advisors who will get in contact with you on the phone number or email address that you give to us to make sure that you are safe.

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

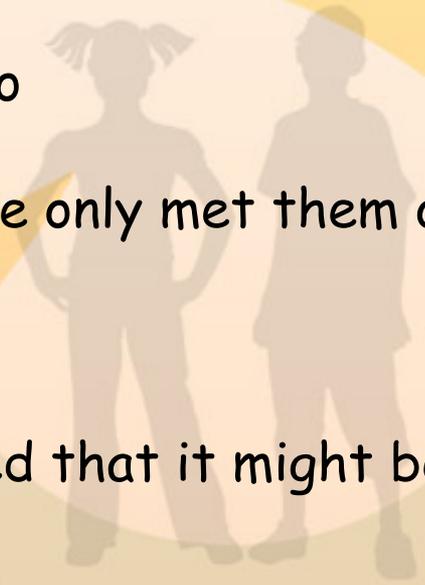
Think U Know

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

If you've met someone online, or face to face, and they are putting you under pressure to have sex or making you feel uncomfortable you should report it.

This might be someone:

- Making you have sex when you don't want to
- Chatting about sex online
- Asking you to meet up face to face if you've only met them online
- Asking you to do sexual things on webcam
- Asking for sexual pictures of you
- Making you feel worried, anxious or unsafe
- If this is happening to you, or you're worried that it might be, you can report this.



If you are in immediate danger please call the police on 999 straight away.

Please also tell an adult you trust who will be able to help you.



ANY QUESTIONS ???

IF SO, GET IN TOUCH BY PHONE OR EMAIL. WE ARE ALWAYS MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP WITH ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS

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