



WORRIED SOMEONE IS TRYING TO SEXUALLY EXPLOIT YOU, OR A FRIEND?

Please talk to someone you can trust.

For confidential support and advice,
call the Kingfisher Team on **01865 335276**.

You will be believed and you don't have to give your name.

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OUR PROMISE TO YOU

You may have heard about cases of 'child sexual exploitation' across the country, including Oxfordshire.

Children have been 'groomed' by adults. This means making friends with children so they can abuse them. In some cases adults have given children drugs and alcohol, and then forced them to have sex with other people.

Fortunately many of these people have been put in prison. This is only possible because children have had the courage to tell someone what is going on.

Organisations in Oxfordshire such as the council, police and health service promise to protect children from exploitation. We are doing everything we can to stop this horrible crime.

If you are worried this is happening to you or a friend, please, please tell someone. If you can't speak to family or friends, tell a teacher, a school nurse, a social worker, a police officer – someone you trust to help you.

If you do that, we will listen to you, find out what is going on and do something about it. This is our promise to you.

Listening

We promise to listen to what you have to say. If you think you may have been abused or if someone you know might be at risk of sexual exploitation, you will be listened to. You will be believed. Whatever may have happened, it is not your fault.

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Understanding

If you are at risk, your teachers, police, social workers and other professionals have been trained to spot the signs and are there to help you. They will also help you understand what grooming and sexual exploitation is and how to stay safe.

Taking action

We promise to take action to protect you. Police will do all they can to investigate and see that abusers are punished. We will help your parents and family to keep you safe and neither you, nor your family will be blamed for your abuse.

Never giving up

If you are being sexually exploited, it might take you a long time to explain exactly what is happening to you, but we will always be there to listen. We will provide all the support you need, for as long as you need it. If you are asked to give evidence against your abusers, you will be helped throughout the process and afterwards.

Find out more

To see the action organisations in Oxfordshire are taking to stop sexual exploitation and help children in Oxfordshire got to www.oscb.org.uk/promise