

# DIFFERENT DANGERS, SAME SIGNS

Catch22 believe all children who are exploited should be treated as victims. Too often these young people are treated as criminals who have chosen to get involved in criminal activity, and so do not receive the safeguarding and support they deserve.

Our experience tells us that victims of CCE often display the same or similar characteristics and indicators as those who are victims of CSE, and those who go missing from home. Victims of CSE are often female, while victims of CCE are often male but this is not always the case.

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## SIGNS OF CSE/CCE

RECURRENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

SKIPPING SCHOOL

STAYING OUT LATE OR OVERNIGHT

UNEXPLAINED GIFTS / NEW POSSESSIONS

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

SECRETIVE BEHAVIOUR

YOUTH OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

INAPPROPRIATE OR SEXUALISED BEHAVIOUR

FRIENDSHIP OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OLDER ADULTS

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN MOOD OR BEHAVIOUR

CHANGES IN APPEARANCE (CLOTHES, HYGIENE ETC.)

BECOMING WITHDRAWN OR ISOLATED

POOR MENTAL HEALTH/SELF-HARM ETC.

EXCESSIVE TIME SPENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA TALKING TO 'FRIENDS' THEY HAVEN'T MET

