

GREATER MANCHESTER STANDS TOGETHER AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Greater Manchester is taking a stand against child sexual exploitation with a ground-breaking new campaign.

Greater Manchester Police, Police and Crime Commissioner Tony Lloyd, health organisations, the ten local authorities, Local Safeguarding Children Boards and the voluntary sector are working together to target CSE offenders and to educate young people on the warning signs of child sexual exploitation and how to get help. The campaign also aims to raise awareness with the wider public, encouraging them to take action if they have concerns.

A new website has been launched – www.itsnotokay.co.uk – which contains information for children, young people, parents, carers and professionals to help them spot the signs of child sex exploitation and what to do about it.

The launch of the It's Not Okay campaign follows a week of action across Greater Manchester to tackle child sex exploitation; a week which consisted of education and empowerment of young people, but also the detection and disruption of CSE-related activity, which saw three warrants executed and 19 arrests made across the seven days.

Bolton Safeguarding Children Board is fully behind this campaign and its aims. CSE is a key priority for Bolton's Board, this year and in previous years. This is reflected not only in our business planning and strategic scrutiny; but in the practical tools and support we offer to practitioners, parents and young people via CSE training, awareness raising and our dedicated CSE web page.

Over the last week Bolton has been distributing the campaign materials and will continue to promote this in other key locations and in particular secondary schools. Phoenix Exit, Bolton's multi-agency CSE team, has been involved in raising awareness in a number of different services and forums.

You may be interested to know that GMP is also live tweeting from a CSE patrol from 6pm on Friday 19 September. This will give followers and the public an opportunity to engage with the patrol and get a greater insight into the activity. They should follow '@GMPolice' for updates and to ask questions.

If you need further advice or guidance about CSE please use the resources available at [itsnotokay](http://itsnotokay.co.uk) or [Bolton Safeguarding Children Board](http://boltonsafeguardingchildrenboard.co.uk)

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