

# HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

## Guidance, Resources and Research

### GUIDANCE

Scottish Government  
[National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021](#)

Forth Valley Schools  
[Managing & Preventing Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

Highland Underage Sex Protocol  
[Is it consensual, is it abuse? – making a judgement](#)

### RESOURCES

#### PROFESSIONALS

Scottish Government:

- [Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People](#)
- [Key Messages for young people on healthy relationships and consent](#)

Education Scotland NIH:

- [Safeguarding: identify, understand and respond appropriately to sexual behaviours in young people](#)

Stop it Now! Scotland / Lucy Faithfull Foundation:

- [What is harmful sexual behaviour](#)
- [Preventing HSB in childhood and adolescence](#)
- [Children and young people in the online world](#)
- [Preventing harmful sexual behaviour toolkit](#)

Central Sexual Health

- [Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

Childnet

- [Online sexual harassment](#)

NOTA presentation 2021

- [Introduction to Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

NSPCC:

- [Protecting children from harmful sexual behaviour](#)
- [Harmful sexual behaviour framework](#)
- [Protecting children from peer-on-peer sexual abuse](#)

CYCJ:

- [Managing Risk of Serious Harm](#)

Marie Collins Foundation:

- [Online harm sexual reduction guide](#)

CSA Centre for Expertise

- [Safety Planning in Education](#)

Barnardo's Wales:

- [HSB – A guide to support understanding and practice responses in Wales](#)

Northern Ireland (SGB / DfEducation)

- [SBNI Policy and Procedure – HSB](#)
- [Children Who Display Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

#### PARENTS AND CARERS

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood – National resource

- [rshp.scot](#)

Stop it Now! Scotland:

- Resources as professionals
- [Helping parents and carers understand the sexual behaviour of teenagers](#)
- [Kinship carer cyber resilience training](#)

Marie Collins Foundation:

- [Sexual abuse online](#)

Childnet

- [Online sexual harassment: advice leaflets](#)

NCA-CEOP / Thinkuknow:

- [Nude Selfies - What Parents and Carers Need to Know](#)

Children's Commissioner

- [Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents](#)

NetAware (O2 and NSPCC):

- [Should I be worried about my child sharing videos and images online?](#)

INEQE Safeguarding Group:

- [Self-Generated Images: Guide to Taking Back Control](#)

Barnardo's Wales:

- [Harmful Sexual Behaviour – A parent's guide](#)

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Scot: [That's not OK: advice and support on relationships](#)

Childline: [Friends, relationships & sex: advice if you're having problems with relationships](#)

Childnet: [Online sexual harassment: young people](#)

Brook: [Sexual health and wellbeing guide for young people](#)

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### RESEARCH

#### Scottish Government

- [Engaging in risky online behaviour: Initial findings on prevalence and associated factors at age 12 from the Growing Up in Scotland survey](#) (2021)

#### Stop it Now! Scotland

- [Preventing harmful sexual behaviour: evaluating the Risk of Online Sexual Abuse \(ROSA\) project](#) (2022)

#### University of the West of England

- [The impact of sibling sexual abuse on adults who were harmed as children](#) (2022)

#### University of Birmingham

[Sibling Sexual Abuse Mapping Tool: Pilot Project](#) (ongoing)

#### Young Scot

- [Harmful Sexual Behaviours Online survey](#) (2021)
- [Attitudes to online sexual activities](#) (2019)

#### CYCJ

- [Harmful sexual behaviours by children](#) (2021)

#### Strathclyde University, School of Law

- [Is Restorative Justice an Effective Approach in Responding to Children and Young People Who Sexually Harm?](#) (2021)

#### CSA Centre for Expertise

- [Sibling sexual abuse: A knowledge and practice overview](#) (2021)

#### NSPCC

- [Harmful sexual behaviour: learning from case reviews](#) (2021)
- [Harmful sexual behaviour: statistics briefing](#) (2021)
- [How safe are our children? 2020](#)
- [Children and young people who engage in technology-assisted harmful sexual behaviour](#) (2017)

#### Internet Watch Foundation

- [‘Beyond heart-breaking’ abuse as predators groom children to film siblings and friends](#) (2021)

#### Global Kids Online

- [Pathways from offline to online risk: new findings](#) (2021)

#### Council of Europe - Steering Committee For The Rights Of The Child

- [Sexual violence and harmful sexual behaviour displayed by children: Nature, causes, consequences and responses](#) (2020)

#### Better Internet for Kids

- [Unsafe insights on... inappropriate content](#) (2021)

#### CYCJ and Barnardo's Scotland

- [Over the Internet, Under the Radar: Prevention of Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in Scotland](#) (2017)