

Responding to incidents of sexting and safeguarding young people

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Children under 10
One police force says it is being pressured into sharing explicit details.

Den 1,000
15 Jan

Mum wins legal review over police keeping son's naked photo details
10 November 2017

Police are warning that 'an

Children under the age of 10 are being pressured into sharing explicit details online - in some cases even a bit of a

Worryingly, officers are

Detective Superintendent from Scotland Yard's Exploitation and Child Abuse Unit said: "Virtually every day we see young children in some cases even a bit of a

"It is very under-reported that most young girls in the UK have been asked to supply images of themselves to their boyfriends."

More than 1,000 people have

They are two 15-year-olds

Police say people fi

Warn 'sexting' school kids convictions
7/22/2014 By Marcus Bootcock

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gives with a criminal record

ad they could end up in court if they via text messages and social media.

riters to all schools in the city and is about 'sexting'.

he letter to parents in the hope they varying photos of themselves can be, oto to her boyfriend. After an

Prevalence of sexting

NCA CEOP October 2017

- 265 schools
- 60% dealt with an incident
- Totalled to 960 instances in last year.
- 52% dealt with 1 to 4 instances
- 24% of those dealt with 10 or more instances
- 43% reported to police



Guidance, training and support

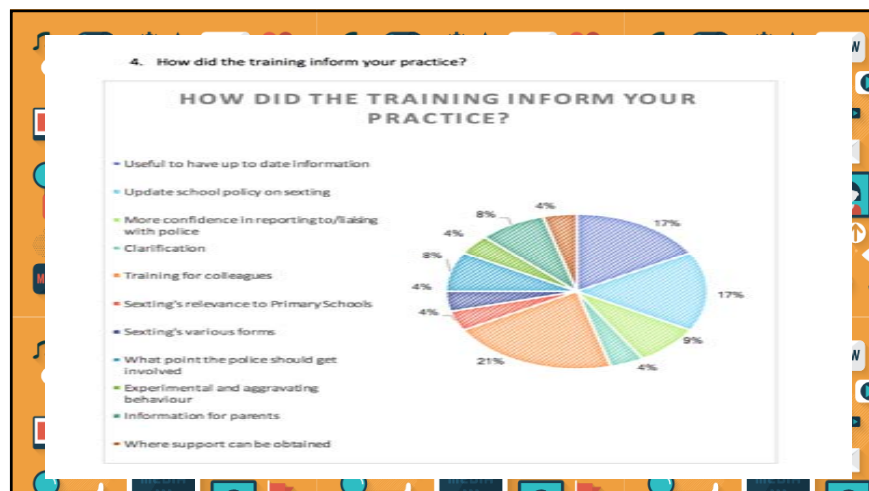
Sexting in schools and colleges:

Responding to incidents and safeguarding young people

- Training to over 500 teachers, police and wider children's service professionals
- Across the whole UK
- Supporting schools in making effective decisions about handling incidents
- Rise in the amount of primary schools requesting training
- Works best where it's multi agency
- Live streaming an increasing trend

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/uk-council-for-child-internet-safety-ukccis>

UKCCIS



The criminalisation of children

- Created before mass adoption of the internet
- To protect children from abuse and harm
- Not created to criminalise children
- Young people CAN put themselves at risk
- NPPC says that incidents should be treated as 'safeguarding issues'
- A proportionate response
- Crime recording and outcome 21

Briefing note
Police action in response to youth produced sexual imagery ('sexting')
Version 1.0
November 2015

Checklist for schools and colleges managing incidents of **SEXTING**

Policies

- All schools should ensure that sexting or youth produced sexual imagery is reflected in their definition of safeguarding and features in their safeguarding and child protection policies
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- All schools should ensure that the sharing of youth produced sexual imagery is reflected in their behaviour policies and the appropriate sanctions and discipline procedures are highlighted to students

Procedures

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Teaching and learning

- All schools should ensure that they provide opportunities for students to learn about issues relating to the sharing of images that is relevant to their context and this should feature within the PSHE, Computing and Relationship and Sex curricula

Training and support

- Students should be offered direct help and interventions e.g. counselling if they have been affected by issues around sexting
- All school staff should have training on what to do if an image is presented to them
- Safeguarding leads in schools should be trained in managing incidents which includes assessing risks to individual children and they should be aware of additional support that exists from outside of their school
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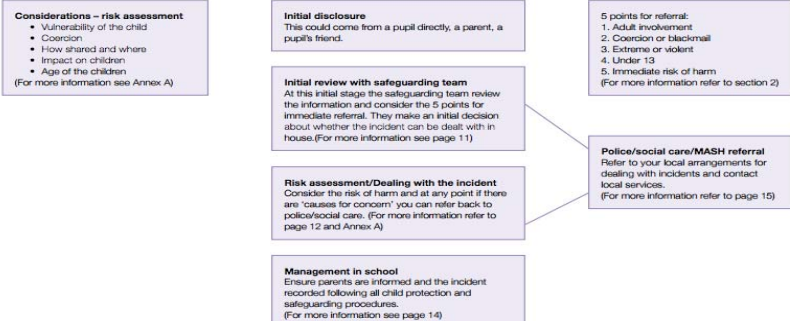
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Flowchart for responding to incidents



Viewing and deleting youth produced sexual imagery

1. Is the only way to make a decision about whether to involve other agencies
2. Is necessary to report the image to the web site, app or suitable reporting agency to have it removed or to support the young person in making a report
3. Is unavoidable because the young person has presented the image or it has been found on a school network

Viewing im



Do's

- ✓ Discuss the decision with the headteacher
- ✓ Ensure that the view is with another member of the safeguarding team
- ✓ Ensure viewing takes place at school premises
- ✓ Ensure viewing is of the same sex
- ✓ Record the viewing in the schools safeguarding log

Always follow your safeguarding policy

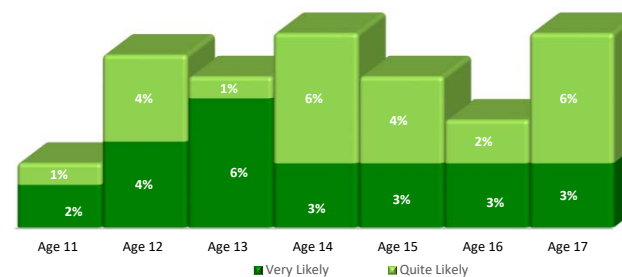
Searching, screening and confiscation

Advice for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies

January 2018

copy or share the imagery unnecessarily
at further risk
people than the DSL to
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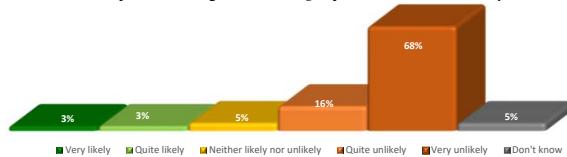
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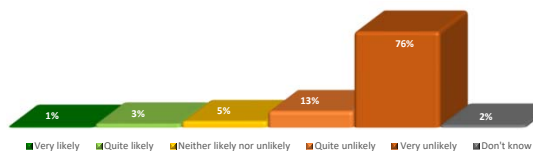
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Very few parents feel their child has sent a sexual image or video of themselves

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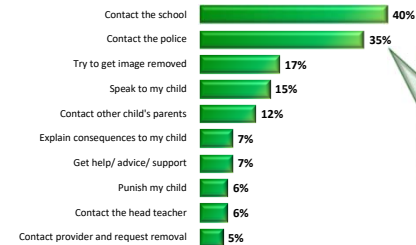
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The two primary starting points for parents are their child's school and then the police

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Initial Reaction (Top 10 Answers)



"I would inform the police, the school, the other child's parents and I would seriously reprimand my child and explain the long term effects of their actions."

Mother/Father, North East, Child age 12

Q12 I would now like you to imagine that your child has sent a sexual image of themselves to another child. The child has now shared the image with rest of the school and posted it online. What would you do in this situation? Base: All: 1,000

Only around half of parents feel confident that they could access the right help

Where would you turn for help?

Top 10 places to turn for those who *do* feel confident:

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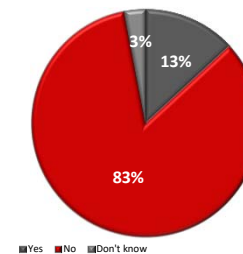
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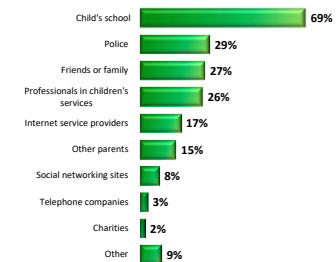
Q14 Where would you turn for help? Base: All who would seek help 864

Most parents have not received information or guidance about sexting and young people

Have you ever received any information or guidance about sexting and young people?



Where have you received information/ guidance?



Q24 Have you ever received any information or guidance about sexting and young people? Base: All: 1,000
Q25 Where have you seen/ received information about sexting? Base: All who received information/guidance about sexting 134

Supporting parents

- Information
- Advice
- Support



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