

Operation Makesafe for Lancashire Businesses

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“Through Operation Makesafe we aim to ensure that Lancashire Businesses know the signs of child exploitation and have the confidence to contact us without delay so that we can intervene.”

“The campaign’s key message is to really think about the circumstances around children coming into their premises, and not to hesitate in following up on that “gut feeling” in situations where they think something is wrong or suspicious.”

Detective Superintendent Neil Drummond, Head of the Public Protection Unit, Lancashire Constabulary

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CSE In Plain Sight

Nightwatch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhX2gzxjhdM>

This short film shows the vital role people working through the night can play in keeping children safe.

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Aim

The aim is to deliver awareness training to those who work in these sectors, so they are able to recognise the signs of child exploitation, identify potential victims and take the necessary action to report their concerns. Importantly it provides them with the confidence to follow up on that “gut feeling”, situations where they think something is wrong or suspicious, but previously wouldn’t have necessarily done anything about it. They are encouraged to tell police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999 and quote

“Operation MakeSafe”.

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Objectives

- To support the training being provided to local businesses, upskilling staff and teaching them how to identify potential victims; assisting with an effective safeguarding response.
- To increase awareness of when and how to alert police to intervene prior to any young person coming to harm
- To educate key audiences on signs of exploitation of young people
- To encourage key audiences to alert police to intervene and safeguard a potential victim
- Awareness raising through launch events
- Raising awareness around CSE/CCE and the warning signs to look out for
- To improve joint working between safeguarding services and local businesses, preventing harm to young people.

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Why should my business **care** about it?

Anyone under the **age of 18** in England is a child and businesses, especially those that are open through the night, may have either a social or legal responsibility to ensure children are kept safe from harm.

Operation Makesafe aims to empower business owners and their employees in Lancashire to identify potential victims and act early if they suspect criminal and/or sexual exploitation is happening on, or around, their premises.

By knowing the signs and having the confidence to alert officers to intervene, Lancashire businesses can play a crucial role in stopping child exploitation.

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Stop Child Exploitation, **Know** the signs

A **toolkit and training material** for anyone working in businesses where children and young people are at risk of exploitation.

- Hotels
- B&Bs
- Serviced Apartments
- Taxis
- Takeaways/Restaurants
- Fast Food Outlets
- Licensed Premises
- Shops
- Care Homes
- Motels

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What's on offer

Operation Makesafe launches on the 24th of May with an event at Preston Football club.

- Business leaders to register an interest and attend the launch event **24/05/2023**
- Awareness raising at the Stay Blackpool Event
- Visit today's stall at the Visit Blackpool Event
- Toolkits available at the event
- Following the launch in the 24th of May downloadable resources (Toolkits, Posters and videos)
- Training within Lancashire Constabulary streamlining services and call handling.

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Thank you for listening and we look forward to working with you.
Awaken – **Child Exploitation** Team, Blackpool.

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