

## Summer 2023

Issue 9

### **Team update**

We continue to deliver sessions within the SafetyWorks! facility. Whilst we undergo a period of restructure and recruitment, we remain a point of contact for anyone who would like to explore how Northumbria Police could engage with their young people within school. We have connections with other departments as well as with partners such as the Violence Reduction Unit. Find out more information by contacting us [by email](#), and please look at our [webpage](#) for resources that we offer.

### **CHILDLINE – The Full Story campaign**

Childline's campaign highlights the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). Young people are encouraged to spot the signs that they may be being exploited whilst reminding them that confidential support is available via Childline's various methods of contact: phone call; email; 1-2-1 chat with a counsellor; SignVideo for BSL users; and via message boards. They also describe how to [report and remove a nude](#) that has been shared online. Visit [the webpage](#) for full information about the campaign and Childline's services.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

#### **OPERATION SCEPTRE – Knife Crime awareness week, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Northumbria Police continue to fight knife crime daily by raising awareness, providing interventions for young people who are at risk of or involved in carrying knives, and by seizing weapons. We recently sent out to all secondary schools a zip file of knife crime posters, an e-leaflet, and splash screens for display on school computer networks. We also have printed posters and leaflets that can be delivered to your school. If you'd like to support this week of action within your school and you wish to request our digital and/or printed materials, please [send an email to us](#) and we'll be happy to help.

#### **Advice for parents and carers – Do you know which apps your children are using?**

It's important for the adults in a child's life to be aware of what and who they are interacting with online, and for young people to be aware that what they share online can affect their lives in the 'real' world. For example, sharing their location (school, home) via images can give those who wish to do harm an opportunity to do so. Parents and carers may need help with having these conversations, especially if they feel they know very little about the many apps available. [NSPCC – Chat Apps](#) and [Have a Conversation](#) contain helpful advice on how to approach this subject with children and young people. Please share this information with your parents and carers.