A recent Ofsted report highlighted that local authorities have been too slow to face up to their responsibilities to prevent child sexual exploitation. In the first ever in-depth survey into how local authorities are dealing with the sexual exploitation of children, Ofsted finds that the risk of exploitation is still not well understood in many areas.

The report ‘The sexual exploitation of children: it couldn’t happen here, could it?’ (Ofsted, 2014) was commissioned by Ofsted’s Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, to build a clearer picture of how well local authorities and partners are working to prevent child sexual exploitation in their area, to offer protection to its victims, and to pursue and prosecute its abusers.

The Lottie simulation – developed in partnership

Launched in November 2014, developed with NHS Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex, ‘Lottie’ offers health and social care and education professionals the opportunity to train on key aspects of online CSE - gaining insight into the process and implications for the victim and groomer. It is an interactive and immersive simulation, based on real cases and research. ‘Lottie’ is designed for both professionals and young people, identifying how young people are groomed online for sexual exploitation. It follows the compelling and contemporary story of a schoolgirl Lottie and how she becomes involved with Jake, a seemingly innocent ‘boyfriend’. Through the use of a social media style interface, professionals are able to learn about grooming by tracking the behaviour of the groomer and see the implications for the victim.

‘Lottie’ for Professionals & young people

‘Lottie’ includes links with tools and reflective questions about how to respond to young people who are potentially at risk. Two versions are available:

For professionals:
To gain insight into grooming behaviour, how to spot it on different social media and, vitally, how to help victims protect themselves from child sexual exploitation.

For direct work with young people:
To learn about grooming methods via social media in a real-life ‘Facebook’ style scenario. By understanding the behaviours and implications of the characters, young people will learn how to keep themselves safe. ‘Lottie’ is for all young people in schools, foster care, residential care, youth clubs, youth offending institutions and
What will you learn?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a complex topic. ‘Lottie’ Training Day offers a mixture of experiential learning via the simulation and this is underpinned by research, tools and practice implications. You will learn about CSE, how to use the tool and how to get the best out of it for your organisation.

This training course offers a valuable CPD training opportunity

Lottie is a modern inter-active way of training and brings to life the issues and potential solutions for professionals and the young people they work with. Awareness of what to look out for, how to spot grooming behaviour.

The proposed schedule for the day’s training is set out below:

1) Definitions and prevalence of CSE and cyber-bullying in the UK
2) The groomed
3) Getting into the mind of the groomer & thinking about gang culture
4) Messages from research, reports & serious case reviews.
5) It couldn’t happen in my area, could it?
6) ‘Looking out for Lottie’ storyline, features, and how to use it.
7) Group activities relating to some of the scenes in Lottie
8) Using ‘Lottie’ with your organisation and young people
9) Other tools and resources (CEOP)

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The simulation

Read Lottie's status updates, messages

Read private messages between Lottie and her friends

Look at Lottie’s pictures on Picturegram

Watch Lottie’s video diaries on ‘WeTube’

Follow changes in Lottie’s mood

See things from the groomer’s perspective
MORE INFORMATION

‘Rosie 1’
A simulation focusing on an initial assessment visit to a family. The initially benign situation rapidly develops into a case of child sexual abuse.

‘Rosie 2’
It is now 5 years on from Rosie 1 and the case is still active and focuses on neglect. Professionals consider and discuss a range of child protection issues throughout the 13 scenes.

‘Zak’
A simulation for young people in schools focusing on online grooming and the radicalisation process.

‘Visiting Elliot’
This simulation has been developed in collaboration with Kent Police and Kent Probation, and is designed to be used to train professionals who visit sex offenders on licence in the community.

‘Looking out for Lottie’
Aimed at young people aged 14 and over and child protection professionals, this training tool focuses on child sexual exploitation and grooming.

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