

TARGET

Targeting And Reducing Grooming, Exploitation & Trading of Children & Young People Online

Newsletter 01

Welcome to the First Edition of the TARGET Newsletter!!

Keeping you up to date with the project, good news stories and emerging issues in the online world.

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The TARGET Project offers a full day training course which aims to raise awareness of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OSEA) for professionals and the community. The training aims to provide the knowledge and understanding of OSEA and the actions required by professionals alongside developing an awareness of the increasing impact & risk technology and online networking has in relation to grooming, child sexual exploitation and trafficking.

£35 per person, including Refreshments & Lunch

Service Six offers a range of training courses for professionals working with children, young people and families. All training courses are written to a high standard and aim to deepen the understanding for professionals and the community. The courses are informed by up to date research, best practice and knowledge, whilst ensuring that focus remains upon the children and young people.

Course Content & Learning Objectives:

- An understanding of OSEA
- Current research and areas of concern around OSEA
- Understanding the online world
- How people are connecting
- Legalities around OSEA and image sharing
- Action and development

Date: 30th November 2018
Time: 9.20am – 4.30pm
Venue: Corby Holiday Inn

Bookings via Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/target-targeting-and-reducing-grooming-exploitation-trading-of-children-online-tickets-51643401805>



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TARGET on ITV Anglia News

Earlier this month the TARGET Project featured on a news piece with ITV Anglia News. Reporter Graham Stothard worked with our Project Manager Hayley Brown to create a very moving and informative report around the impacts of Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSEA).

Graham spoke with one of our incredibly brave TARGET Champions who had tragically experienced sexual assault through being groomed online.

Later that week Graham attended one of our TARGET Champion training sessions at Corby Technical College, delivered by Project Workers George Tosdevin and Claire Connelly. The young people at the school have learnt about the dangers young people face online and to be able to provide support and advice to other students within their school.

The news piece looked to show the dangers that children and young people now face online, as well as the positive and preventative aspects of our work.

Corby Technical School have been fantastic and proactive in supporting the TARGET Project and providing support and awareness raising of OSEA. We would like to thank the school and Brooke Weston Trust for their continuing support of the project to improve better outcomes for children and young people.



Live Streaming and OSEA

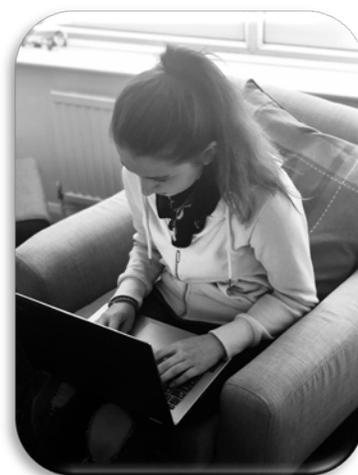
Live Streaming is vastly becoming a growing concern in the online world. The NSPCC have recently released a survey of almost 40,000 children and young people in the UK between the ages of 7-16 years old. Their findings showed that almost a quarter have live streamed and almost 1 in 8 have video chatted with someone they have never met. Over 1 in 10 of the children and young people surveyed that had video chatted, had been asked to get undressed. For those that had live streamed, over 1 in 20 were asked to remove clothing.

For those who aren't aware live streaming is a live visual broadcast over the internet. Live streaming can take place in apps created solely for that purpose, over social media platforms such as Facebook and gaming streaming platforms such as Twitch. At the click of a button you can be connected and streaming to hundreds and thousands across the world.

Children and young people are drawn to live streaming through self-preservation. Sharing something and having others show an interest can feel like the ultimate confidence boost. This immediacy combined with pleasure of affirmations through 'likes' and positive comments raises their levels of self-esteem.

Concerns continue to escalate in relation to live streaming and OSEA. Live streaming is uncensored, unmoderated and unrehearsed. Perpetrators often use tactics such as trickery, flattery, giving of gifts, sextortion (also referred to as capping) and blackmail for them to perform sexual acts and/or remove clothing. Further issues can then also arise through others sharing and trading information globally on vulnerable people.

TARGET recommends continuing awareness raising of the concerns and issues children and young people face online, empowering them with the ability to think critically and keeping an on-going open dialogue with them.



TARGET Launches their YouTube Channel



The TARGET Project has now launched their very own YouTube channel which can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTouLjViHNqry9Ujvsn9smQ> or by searching for TARGET Service Six.

The channel will look to share knowledge, app reviews and other features of the TARGET Project created through the TARGET Team and TARGET Champions. The page was created through popular demand of the children and young people.

TARGET attends the NSPCC Conference in July 2018

Wellingborough-based charity helping with fight against online grooming and child sexual exploitation



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Service Six Chief Executive Claudia Slabon and TARGET Project Manager Hayley attended the NSPCC Conference in July 2018. The topic of this year's conference was 'Growing Up Online', addressing the concerns children and young people now face in the online world.

Claudia and Hayley shared their knowledge and expertise in the Poster Breakout Session, where Charities, Organisations and Researchers were invited to showcase the work and emerging research that is being undertaken across the country.

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