



Initial referral considerations:

- Does the incident involve an adult?
- Is it believed the young person was coerced, blackmailed or groomed?
- Are there any issues around capacity to consent?
- Does what you know of the imagery suggest sexual acts which are unusual for the young person's developmental stage or are violent?
- Does the imagery involve sexual acts with any pupil under 13 yrs?
- Do you suspect the pupil is at immediate risk of harm owing to the sharing of the imagery e.g. now presenting as suicidal or self-harming?



Yes

No

Viewing an image:

There are only 3 justifiable reasons why the DSL may have to look at the image:

- It is the only way to make a decision about whether to involve other agencies, i.e. it is not possible to establish the facts from the young person
- It is necessary to report the image to a website, app or other agency so as to have the image removed, or to support the young person in with this.
- It is unavoidable because the pupil presents the image directly or the image is found on a school device or network

Where possible the viewer should be the same sex as the victim.

Risk Considerations:

- Why was the image shared – was there coercion or blackmail?
- Who has shared the imagery?
- Where has the image been shared?
- Were any adults involved in the sharing of the image?
- What is the impact on the pupils involved?
- Do the pupils have any additional vulnerabilities?
- Does the young person understand consent?
- Has the young person taken part in this kind of activity before?

Aggravated Incidents
Involve criminal or abusive elements beyond the creation, sending or possession of youth produced sexual images

Experimental Incidents
Involve the creation and sending of youth produced images with no adult involvement, no apparent intent to harm or reckless misuse

Refer to
Police and to CASS (if appropriate)

In-house
But remember that situations can change & escalate

Adult Offenders
Grooming, Sexual offences, Blackmail

Youth Only: Intent to harm
Arise from conflict/breakups
Criminal activity – threat or blackmail
Abuse /exploitation

Youth Only: Reckless misuse
Images sent without consent or made without willing participation

Sexual Attention Seeking
Images made and sent between young people without romantic intention

Romantic Relationships
Images made during ongoing relationships, for each other and not intended for distribution

Other
No aggravating elements but not within other experimental sub-groups, or no sexual motives

Support & Containment:

- De-escalate Anxiety - who has seen the image and where it has ended up.
- Pupil Reassurance - regarding its removal from the platform on which it was shared.
- School Support – For pupil, parents and friends.
- Parental involvement - parents should usually be told what has happened so that they can keep a watchful eye over their child
- School Curriculum - reinforce to all students the impact and severe consequences that this behaviour can have.