



Dear Sir/ Madam

You will be aware that child sexual exploitation has been in the news recently with reports published about events in Rotherham and Oxford.

West Lothian Child Protection Committee would like to bring to your attention the attached information leaflet which we hope you will share with your colleagues to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and assist you to report any concerns.

The leaflet is specifically for employees who work in bars, restaurants, hotels, B&Bs, food establishments, leisure facilities, salons and taxi services. These areas of the service sector are environments where the grooming of young people for sexual exploitation is known to take place, and as such employees are in a position to help detect and prevent abuse occurring.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect children. Communities working with the statutory agencies will ensure that anyone involved in this type of abuse gets a strong message that West Lothian will not tolerate this type of behaviour.

Concerns can be reported to the Police or Social Work Services.

**Contact details:**

Police: 101/999

Social Work:

Out of office hours: 01506 281028/9

Bathgate: 01506 776700

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Livingston: 01506 282252

More information can be found on the Child Protection Committee's website [www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk](http://www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk)

Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Scott'.

Jennifer Scott  
Chair West Lothian Child Protection Committee