

Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

LET'S TALK
Helping young people thrive



Who are Let's Talk?

We support young people to develop **knowledge, skills and confidence** to make **informed decisions** about their **health and wellbeing**

Free, confidential, and non-judgemental support and advice including about:

- Relationships
- Sexual Health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Understanding anger
- Health and wellbeing





Group Agreement

- Safe space for learning – no judgement
- Take part
- Ask questions – but nothing personal
- Listen – don't talk over
- Language
- Confidentiality
- Look after you!

Learning Objectives

By the end of the today's lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the laws around nudes and why they matter
- Develop skills around managing pressure
- Reflect on the different ways someone might be pressured to send images
- Understand what empathy is and the role it plays when an image of somebody is shared
- Identify how to report a sexual image or video that's shared online and where to go for support



Trigger warning

Please note that during this session we will be exploring sensitive topics, and these may be distressing to some members of the class.

If you feel like you need a moment out of the session, please inform a member of staff.

At the end of the session, we will explore where to seek support for these topics. You can also approach me after the session or at a later point. It's important to take care of yourself.



Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

This refers specifically to sexual images or video content which is produced, shared by or in the possession of young people under 18.



Activity: Law Quiz



True

The legal age for sexual consent is 16.

True

It is illegal to send a nude picture of someone who is under 18.

Law Quiz

In the UK the age of consent for sexual intercourse is 16.

However, it is illegal to make, distribute, possess or show any indecent images of anyone aged under 18, even if it was created with the consent of that young person.

The law is contained in **Section 1 Protection of Children Act 1978.**



What does it mean?

Make – take photo, screenshot

Distribute – send to others, share on social media

Possess – having it on your phone/device including group chats with automatic downloads

Show – showing in person or online including on your own device without sending



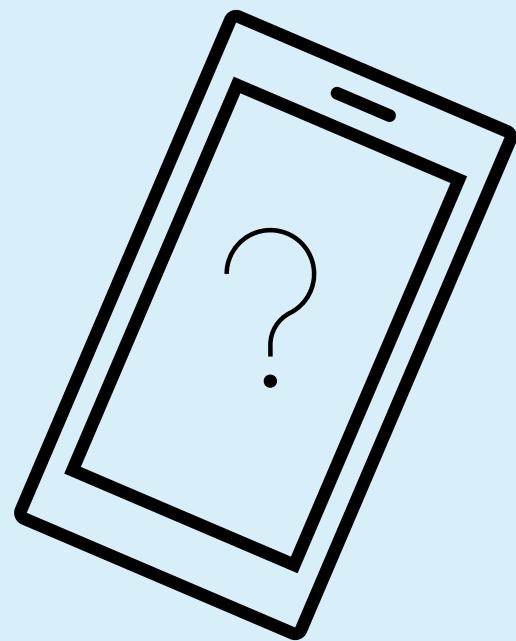
True

You are breaking the law if you screenshot and forward on a nude picture that's already been shared.

False

If a nude of a person is created using AI you wouldn't be breaking the law because it's not actually them.

Deep Fakes



Deepfakes are images, videos or audio that have used AI to replace a person's face or voice with someone else's.

They can make it look like someone has said or done something that they haven't.

They are often used to create 'porn', to spread misinformation about politics and for scams.



False

If you have shared a nude picture of yourself, you will get in trouble no matter what.

Outcome 21

Outcome 21 may be considered the most appropriate resolution in youth produced sexual imagery cases where the making and sharing is considered non-abusive and there is no evidence of exploitation, grooming, profit motive, malicious intent.

This means it will be recorded as a crime but formal criminal justice action won't be taken.



**What will the police
consider when an
image is shared?**

Things considered when an image is shared

Pressure

Persistence

Profiting for
money

Intent

Age
Difference

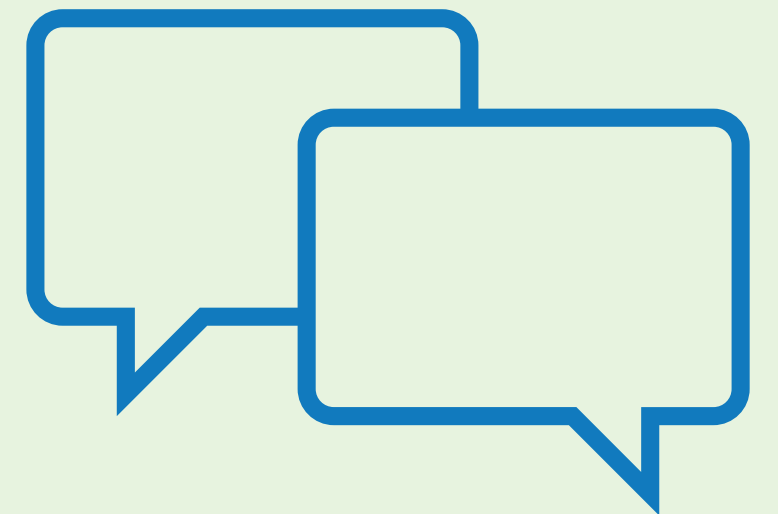
Consent

Power
Dynamics

A young woman with long, straight blonde hair is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to her right. She appears to be speaking. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

or people are gonna think that I'm a snitch.

Activity:
How Could You
Respond?



Teaching notes

Worksheet/printed statements or discussion points with the following statements:

- “You must have a small one then if you won’t send a pic”
- “Stop being so boring”
- “It’s your own fault for being so fit. I wouldn’t keep asking if you weren’t”
- “Why you deeping it? Everyone does it”
- “Go on, my ex always used to send them”
- “I don’t even know why you’re with me if you won’t send one, you clearly don’t trust me”

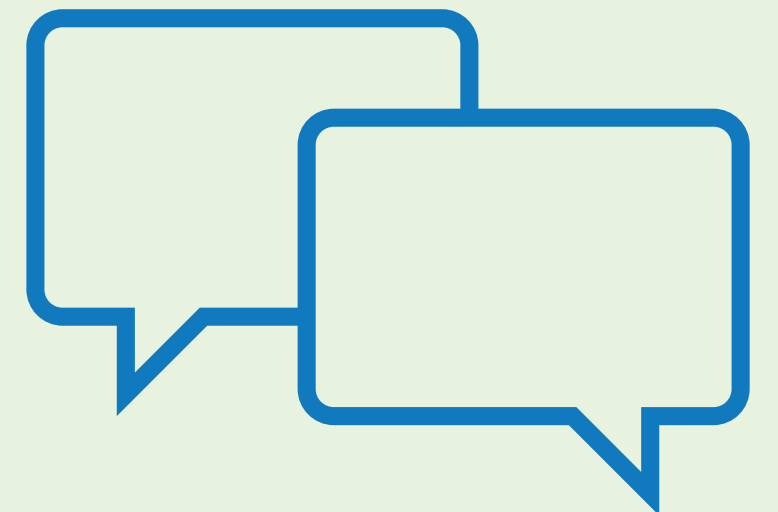
Teaching notes

Ask the learners:

- Why might someone feel pressured hearing these?
- How could they respond?

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Scenario



Teaching notes

Discuss:

- The 'positive' framing of pressure – coercion doesn't always look like threats
- Are they aware of the laws in relation to sexual imagery of under 18s?
- If this was reported, would they both get into trouble? Ensure they are aware that they can report if someone has shared sexual imagery of them and they will be supported as a victim, even if they broke the law by sending it in the first place.
- Police across the UK are unlikely to take formal criminal justice action against a child involved in sexting unless it is in the public interest. In England and Wales this has been formalised through the introduction of 'Outcome 21' which allows police to record that a crime has happened but that it isn't in the public interest to take formal criminal justice action. This means that if a sexting incident involving a young person is reported to the police, they will make a record but may decide not to take any formal action against the young person.
- Where could they go for support and how could they report an image after they've sent it? (Childline's report remove)

Scenario

Kayden got a girl's number from school. They've been messaging and flirting for a few weeks. He's mentioned to his mates how fit she is. His friends would respond with, *'As if! You've got no chance'*.

His mates have been bragging in their group chat about receiving nude pictures. He's thinking if he can get one as proof to show them that they'll respect him.

Later that night...

I don't think you understand how fit you are! It's mad what you're doing to me.. x

Aw that's so nice! I really like you too xx

Why don't you send me a picture to show me how much you like me x

Dunno, I don't really want to.. you'll just show your mates x

Nooo I won't I swear down! Go on it's your own fault for being so fit I wanna know you like me back! x

It won't! U messin no-one could ever think you're a slag your too nice! I promise babe it'll stay between us xxx

But if it got out it would be me that everyone calls a slag?

Erm ok but only one..

Scenario questions

Spend a couple of minutes discussing these points with the person next to you:

1. Is this situation consensual?
2. Why or why not?
3. What can they do in this situation?

Empathy

Empathy is trying to understand someone else's perspective and imagine how they might be feeling.

We might imagine ourselves in their position and how we would feel.

This can help us connect, understand and respond with kindness.



Not wanting to hurt someone's feelings

It feels good to receive compliments & attention

Scared of the repercussions

Why can it be hard to say no?

Being accused of leading someone on

Expectation that 'everyone does it, so you should'

Feeling on the spot

Raised to please others

Feels uncomfortable

Already said yes

Tips when feeling under pressure

Send a funny meme back in response

How would I feel if it did get shared?

Talk to friends and tell them you're feeling pressured

Check in with yourself:
'Am I feeling like I have to?' or
'Do I really want to?'

Mute the chat or step away from phone for 10 minutes

'If they haven't listened to me saying no, do they really respect me?'

**But how can I remove
an image once it's
been shared!?**



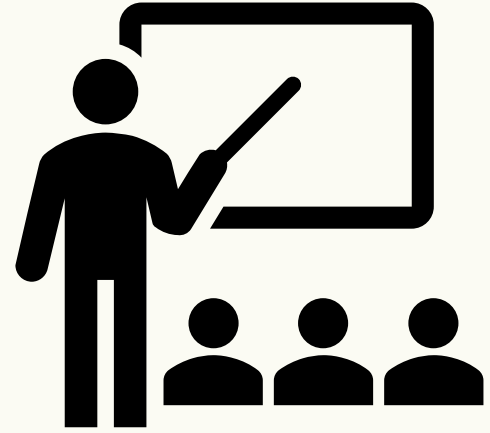
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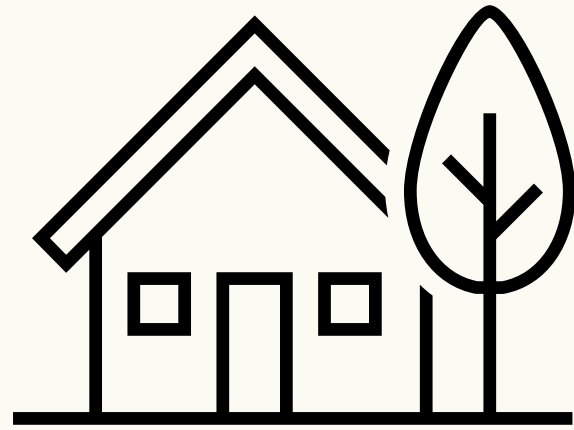
**Who can
help me?**





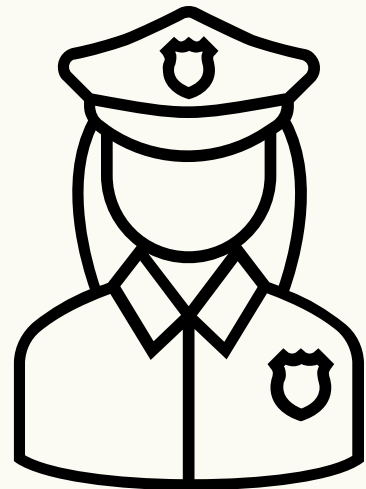
School

If you're worried about telling your parents, tell your school first. It might seem hard, but your wellbeing is their number one aim. Your school will be able to help you and support you to talk to your parents if needed.



Parents or carers

Telling your parents or carers that you shared naked photos or videos may be difficult, but they can help you, so it is good to tell them. If you think telling them could put you in danger, first ask for help from someone at school.



Police

The police are there to help young people, not to get you in trouble. If someone is making you feel uncomfortable online or a nude picture of someone under 18 is shared, they can help protect the young person involved.

Where to get support



Branch is an online mental wellbeing hub for children and young people in Wirral, from 0 all the way to 18 (and up to 25 with additional needs).



Health services in schools have youth workers who can offer 121 support around any concerns or support you may need. Ask your teacher to learn how to chat to them.

We're on Instagram!

Follow us [@lets_talk_wirral](https://www.instagram.com/lets_talk_wirral) for advice, updates and fun facts on everything from sexual health to drugs, LGBTQIA+, digital wellbeing and so much more!



ourPlace

ourPlace is a free, confidential and non-judgemental service for young people aged 19 and under living in Wirral.

Our friendly team provide advice, support and treatment in a discreet and young person friendly clinic area.

Services and support:

- Contraception
- Emergency contraception
- Condoms
- STI testing
- Psychosexual support
- LGBTQ+ support





Visiting ourPlace

Monday to Thursday - 3.00pm to 7.00pm

Friday - 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

For appointments, please call:
0300 123 5474

Location:

ourPlace, 1st floor, St Catherine's Health Centre,
Derby Road, Birkenhead CH42 0LQ