

## #LookCloser public sector awareness events.

**#Look Closer** is our national partnership campaign with the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre and the British Transport Police aiming to raise awareness of child exploitation and abuse, with a particular focus on public spaces. The campaign also seeks to challenge stereotypes of victimhood, highlighting that child exploitation can happen anywhere, and any young person can be a victim. This October, we have a particular focus on how gender assumptions can impact the way we safeguard and support young victims of exploitation.

As part of this, The Children's Society Prevention Programme is working with Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Organised Crime Unit to raise awareness of specific areas of concern affecting our community. If you work in one of the below areas, we want to invite you to a **free learning session** to consider what **Child Exploitation looks like in your sector**.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please book through the Eventbrite link. These sessions will be running on Microsoft Teams. We invite you to share these with your contacts in your sector.

### Retail sector and supermarket staff, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 15:00-15:30

This session we will address:

- How your staff can identify child exploitation in shopping centres and supermarkets.
- The links between crimes occurring in stores and the potential child exploitation.
- What you can do to protect young people, your business and your staff through reporting exploitation concerns.
- Practical ways to make stores safer for all customers.
- Resources you can use to improve your customers awareness of exploitation.

Find out more and sign up on our event page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yh-lookcloser-for-the-retail-sector-and-supermarket-staff-tickets-415412809897>

### Courier and Delivery Services 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 10:00-10:30

This session we will address:

- How your staff can identify child exploitation in community settings.
- How organised crime groups utilise courier services and delivery services to facilitate illicit activity and exploitation.
- What you can do to protect young people, your business and your staff through reporting concerns of exploitation.
- Practical ways to protect customers.
- Resources you can use to improve your customers awareness of exploitation.

Find out more and sign up on our event page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yh-lc-child-exploitation-for-courier-and-delivery-service-staff-tickets-415420302307>

## Hotels - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10:00-10:30

Within this session we will give you a clear understanding of:

- How your staff can identify child exploitation in a hotel setting.
- How hotels may be targeted by organised crime groups who exploit young people.
- What you can do to protect young people, your business and your staff by reporting concerns.
- Practical ways to make hotel spaces safer for all customers.
- Resources you can use to improve your customers awareness of exploitation.

Find out more and sign up on our event page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yh-lc-hotels-staff-tickets-415438877867>

## Rental Cars and Transport Hubs – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, 15:00-15:30

Within this session we will address:

- How your staff can identify child exploitation in the transport sector.
- How organised crime groups use different modes of transport in the movement of young people and illicit items.
- What you can do to protect young people, your business and your staff by reporting concerns.
- Practical ways to make transport hubs safer for all customers.
- Resources you can use to improve your customers awareness of exploitation.

Find out more and sign up on our event page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yh-lc-transport-hubs-rental-and-hire-vehicles-tickets-415435908987>

## Intelligence, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, 10:00-10:30

This session open to any partners though especially good for third sector, organisations working within communities and with young people, will cover:

- What information counts as intelligence.
- The methods available to all agencies to report intelligence.
- Understanding about how information may be used by Police to take action.
- Understanding how intelligence may support Child Exploitation investigations.

Find out more and sign up on our event page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yh-lc-intelligence-awareness-tickets-415429058497>

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