

Emotional Abuse

What it is

- The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person.

Signs

- Child not feeling like they can express their views, making fun of the child or silencing them, age or developmentally inappropriate expectations on the child, overprotection, inappropriate interactions, prevention of participating in normal social interaction, serious cyberbullying, child feel frightened or in danger, exploitation or corruption of children.

What to do

- Log your concerns on cpoms pass the slip to one of the DSL's
- Ensure you are factual and detailed in what you log do not add personal feelings just facts
- Listen to the student if they talk to you, do not judge and do not question them, let them talk but explain you will need to pass it on

Useful Websites

- www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse
- www.childwelfare.gov
- www.nhs.uk/spotting-signs-of-child-abuse
- www.childwelfare.gov/topics/can/identifying

Questions

- What is meant by emotional abuse
- How can you spot emotional abuse
- What should you do if you suspect emotional abuse