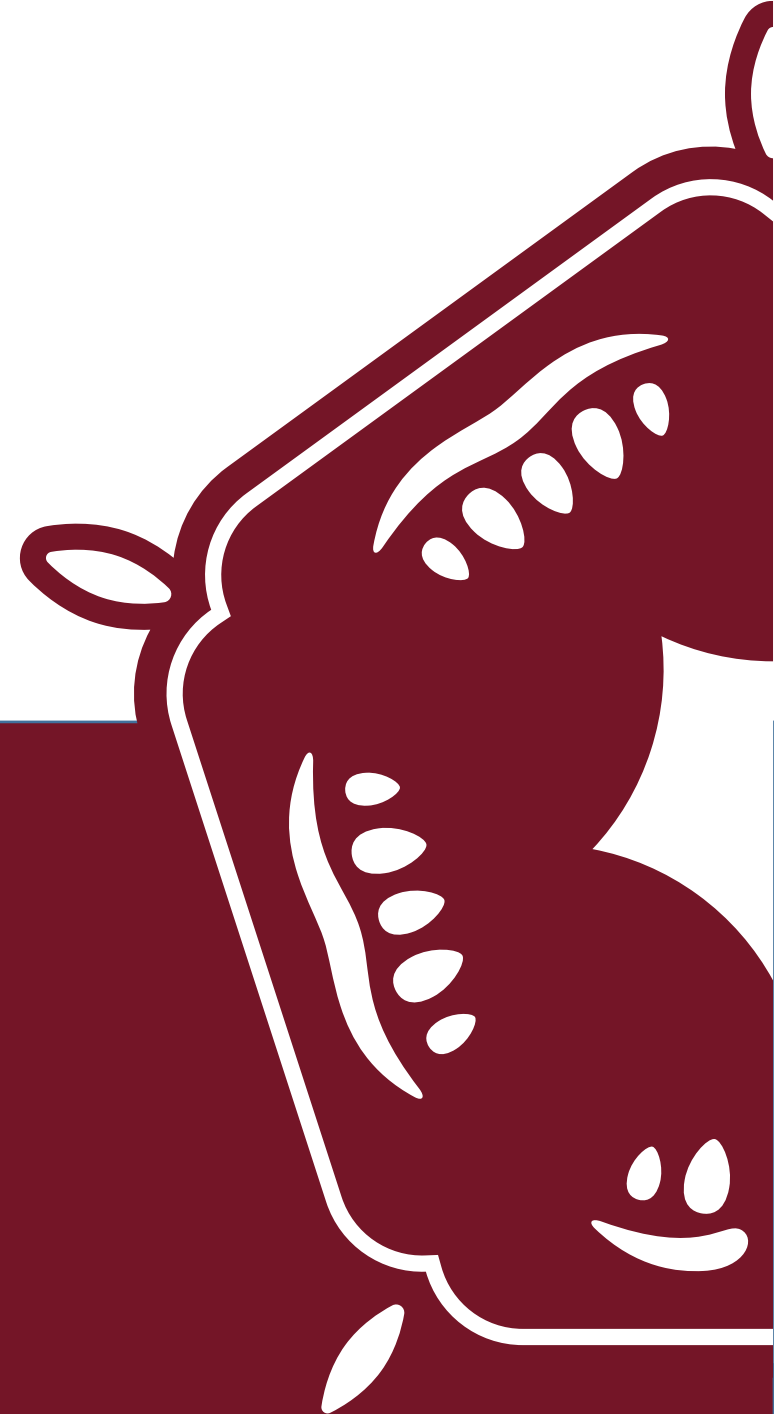




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# Safeguarding Bulletin

*April 2024*



# Dedicated Dads

## *Dedicated Dads*

HEST would like to invite you to come along and have a chat with other Dads and our team.

When - Wednesday 1st May 6-7pm

Where - Hornchurch Fire Station, Community Room, 42, North Street, Hornchurch RM11 1SH

Theme - Anxiety in Children/Young People

Please email us if you will be attending  
[MHSThav@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:MHSThav@nelft.nhs.uk)



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# Parent Drop-in sessions

## Parenting Drop-in

Rolling 6 week programme for parents and carers to drop in and receive advice around the following topics:

- Positive Role-Models/Quality Time
- Communication/Active Listening
- Praise
- Identifying and Prioritising Problematic Behaviours
- De-escalation
- Self-Care



Tuesdays 6.00pm- 7.30pm virtually via Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Contact us to find out more  
and join the programme

Tel: 01708 432 636

Email: [parenting@havering.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@havering.gov.uk)



# Sextortion – National Alert

- The National Crime Agency have issued a National Alert on financially motivated sexual extortion
- Please see the letter that has been sent to all parents and uploaded on to the school website for the official guidance
- If you have any concerns, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team:

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# Sextortion - a type of online blackmail

- Sextortion is when an online predator tricks someone into giving them nude images or videos, and then demands money, more images, or makes other demands—threatening to share the images with the victim's friends and family if they don't comply.
- This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image created of them by the offender.
- Sextortion can involve victims being sent a nude picture before being invited to send their own in return - only to then receive threats that the image will be shared publicly unless they meet the blackmailer's demands.
- Perpetrators are using multiple false online identities to contact a child. Pretending to be younger and/or a member of the opposite sex. Accessing the child's online account without authorization and stealing sexual images or videos of the child. Threatening to create sexual images or videos of the child using digital-editing tools.

# Sextortion

- All age groups and genders are being targeted, but a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged between 14-18. Ninety one per cent of victims in UK sextortion cases dealt with by the Internet Watch Foundation in 2023 were male.
- Child victims have reported being:
  - Contacted by an online account that they do not know but appears to be another child or young person. They may also be contacted by a hacked account of a child or young person they do know, but the communication feels unfamiliar;
  - Quickly engaged in sexually explicit communications, which may include the offender sharing an indecent image first;
  - Manipulated or pressured into taking nude or semi-nude photos or videos;
  - Told they have been hacked and the offender has access to their images, personal information and contacts (whether this is true or not);
  - Blackmailed into sending money or meeting another financial demand (such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card) after sharing an image or video, or the offender sharing hacked or digitally manipulated/AI-generated images of their victim and making the threat of sharing them wider.

# Sextortion – advice to parents

- Advice to parents and carers if their child says that someone is trying to trick, threaten or blackmail them online:
- Don't pay, do stop contact and block: you may be tempted to pay, but there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats. As the offender's motive is to get money, once you have shown you can pay, they will likely ask for more and blackmail may continue. If you have paid, don't panic but don't pay anything more. Help your child to stop all communication with the offender and block them on any accounts that they have been contacted on.
- Avoid deleting anything: try not to delete anything that could be used as evidence such as messages, images, telephone numbers, and bank account details.
- Report to the police or CEOP: call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm to your child. Or you can use the [CEOP Safety Centre](#) to report any online blackmail attempts.
- **Remember** to reassure your child – they have done nothing wrong and are a victim of a crime.