

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cyber Choices programme was created to help people make positive informed choices and to use their cyber skills in a legal way.

This national programme is co-ordinated by the National Crime Agency and delivered by Cyber Choices teams across the UK!

- To deter individuals from getting involved in cybercrime.
- To understand the behaviours and motives behind cybercrime involvement.
- To prevent re-offending.

Who are we looking for? Anyone that has a higher technical level of ability **AND**: Is on the cusp of cyber criminality **OR** is vulnerable to being exploited.

Computer Misuse Act 1990:

The Computer Misuse Act is all about **PERMISSION**. You need permission to access anything to do with computers and data. **Cyber Choices referrals are all based on the Computer Misuse Act**

When to refer to Cyber Choices?

Yes:

If a child/young adult is at risk of or has committed offences using a computer or computer networks. For example:

- ✓ An online account has been accessed without permission.
- ✓ An area within a computer and/or network has been accessed or altered without permission.
- ✓ The creation, use and/or spread of any viruses/other malware or any hacking types or tools.

No:

- ✓ Any form of cyber- bullying involving the creation of a video, unkind messages being sent.
- ✓ Any crime committed without the use of ICT. For example, Fraud or credit card theft

If you have any concerns about a young person's safety, please follow your organisations safeguarding procedures.

Cyber in School Policies considerations:

Child Criminal Exploitation

Criminal Exploitation of children is geographically widespread form of harm that can affect children both in a physical and virtual environment.

Cyber Crime Involvement:

Organised criminal groups or individuals exploit children and young people due to their computer skills and ability, to access networks/data for criminal and/or financial gain.

- Is the computer misuse act defined in your policy?
- What is your procedure if your network is compromised?
- Have you got our contact details for advice in the event of cyber related issues?
- Has your staff had sufficient training around the computer misuse act?

This is a voluntary engagement and parental/guardian consent is required BEFORE a referral.

However, please note, the Cyber Choices Officer will visit the parents before any intervention with the child. This visit will let the parents know everything about the Cyber Choices process and to provide a Protect input to help parents understand if any improvements can be made within the home network, including parental settings etc.

During this visit the parents can withdraw the child from Cyber Choices at this point if they change decide not to proceed any further. If they wish to proceed, then the Cyber Choices Officer will contact the school/child to complete the Cyber Choices intervention.

For more information or to discuss any potential referral or for a referral

form: Please contact me, Kynam Moore – Cyber Prevent and Protect Officer –

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Useful links and resources:

- www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk
- www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/cyber-choices
- www.cybergamesuk.com
- www.actionfraud.police.uk