**GROOMING**

*What is grooming?*

Grooming is when someone builds an emotional connection with a young person to gain their trust for the purposes of sexual abuse or exploitation.

Young people can be groomed online or in the real world, by a stranger or by someone known to them – for example, a family member, friend, professional. Groomers may be male or female and they could be any age.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216142 or via email at [safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk)

*Other support*

nspcc.org.uk – 0808 800 5000

ChildLine – 0800 1111 (24 hours)

BLAST (male sexual exploitation) - 0113 2444209 or 07921 372896