**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. This can include for the purpose of radicalising the young person to commit acts of terrorism, violence or other criminal behaviour.

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 or 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 216 142 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 2444 209 or 07921 372896