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MODULE 2 – SECTION D

SPECIFIC FORMS & SETTINGS OF ABUSE



DEFINITIONS TO CONSIDER



1. BULLYING & CYBER-BULLYING

Bullying is repeated behaviour intended to hurt, intimidate, embarrass, exclude, or harm another person. It can occur face-to-face or online through social media, messaging platforms, gaming communities, or other digital channels. Bullying can have serious emotional, psychological, and social consequences and must be addressed immediately.



2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence occurs when one person uses physical, emotional, psychological, financial, or controlling behaviour to harm another person within a family or intimate relationship. Children and vulnerable adults who witness domestic violence may also suffer significant harm and require safeguarding support.



3. GROOMING

Grooming is a process in which an individual builds trust and develops a relationship with a child or vulnerable person for the purpose of exploitation, abuse, or manipulation. Grooming may occur in person or online and can involve gifts, attention, secrecy, or emotional influence.



4. HAZING

Hazing refers to initiation practices, rituals, challenges, or activities that humiliate, intimidate, degrade, or endanger individuals seeking membership of a team, club, group, or organisation. Hazing is not acceptable in sport, education, or community environments and can constitute abuse.



5. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Sexual exploitation occurs when a person is manipulated, coerced, pressured, or abused for sexual purposes in exchange for money, status, power, gifts, favours, or other benefits. Children, young people, and vulnerable adults are particularly at risk and require protection.



6. TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of people through force, coercion, deception, or abuse of power for the purpose of exploitation. Trafficking may involve sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude, criminal exploitation, or other forms of abuse.



KEY MESSAGE

Everyone has the right to feel safe, respected, included, and protected from all forms of abuse. Recognising the signs early and reporting concerns promptly helps create safer environments for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.



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