

Sexual behaviours of children aged 13 - 18 years: Adolescence to adulthood

Very concerning sexual behaviours

- Compulsive masturbation, especially chronic or public.
- Repeated or chronic peeping, exposing or using obscenities.
- Chronic pornographic interest including child pornography (sources include the internet, pay TV, videos, DVDs and magazines).
- Degradation/humiliation of themselves or others using sexual themes.
- Touching the genitals of others without permission.
- Sexually explicit threats - written or verbal.
- Sending nude or sexually provocative images or self or others.
- Penetration of dolls, children or animals.
- Genital injury to self or others.
- Sexual harassment forced sexual contact.
- Forced exposure of others' genitals.
- Sexually explicit talk with younger children.
- Sexual contact with others of significant age/developmental differences.

Concerning sexual behaviours

- Sexual pre-occupation that interferes with daily functions (e.g. masturbation).
- Pre-occupation with pornography.
- Pre-occupation with chatting online, giving out personal details, meeting online acquaintances.
- Sexually aggressive themes/obscenities.
- Single occurrence of peeping, exposing, using obscenities.
- Unsafe sexual practices.

Age appropriate sexual behaviours

- Sexually explicit conversations with peers.
- Obscenities and jokes within the cultural norm.
- Flirting.
- Interest in erotica.
- Use of internet to chat online.
- Solitary masturbation.
- Interest/participation in one-on-one relationship.
- Sexual activity - low level (kissing) to heavy petting.
- Consensual sexual intercourse.**

* Some age appropriate behaviours may still need addressing and discouraging.

** If no Child Protection concerns and in line with Scot Gov Guidance on Underage Sexual Activity.