

Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)

Student awareness assembly

September 2022

Context

Everyone's Invited - Founded in June 2020

- more than 15,000 anonymous testimonies
- Reports of sexual harassment and sexual violence, both in and out of school

Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges - 10 June 2021

- 32 schools and colleges, 900 children and young people
- For many young people, **incidents are so commonplace that they see no point in reporting them.** The frequency of harmful sexual behaviours means that some children and young people **consider them normal**

UTC Review of Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) – July 2021

- All students surveyed, focus groups shared experiences

Our goal

- Accept “it happens here”
- Create a culture where sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are not tolerated.
- Identify issues and deal with them early.

What is HSB?

Non-contact

- Sexist name calling
- Rumours about sexual activity
- Unwanted/inappropriate comments of a sexual nature
- Being sent pictures/videos you don't want to see
- Being put under pressure to provide sexual images
- Having sexual pictures/videos you sent being shared

Contact

- Sexual assault
- Pressurised to do sexual acts
- Unwanted touching

What is HSB *not*?

- Banter
- “Boys will be boys”
- Harmless
- Flirting

Findings: sexualised language

Ofsted

- 'slag' and 'slut' were commonplace
- 92% of girls and 74% of boys said sexist name-calling happens a lot or sometimes to their peers.

UTC

Focus group: "The students all said they heard [slag] used a lot"

In our survey, respondents said that sexist name-calling happens:

- Everyday 0%
- Weekly 12.5%
- Once a month 7.1%
- Less than once a month 26.8%

Findings: rumours about sexual activity

Ofsted

- 81% of students said this happened in school.

UTC

Focus group: “The students told me this was common”

In our survey, respondents said that rumours about sexual activity happens:

- Everyday 1.8%
- Weekly 17.9%
- Once a month 14.3%
- Less than once a month 12.5%
- Never 32.1%
- Not sure 21.4%

Findings: unwanted comments or inappropriate comments of a sexual nature.

Ofsted

- 80% of students said yes.

UTC

Focus group: “students had heard these kind of comments before but they had been directed at other students not at themselves.”

Respondents said that sexist name-calling happens:

- Everyday 1.8%
- Weekly 12.5%
- Once a month 5.4%
- Less than once a month 8.9%
- Never 41.1%
- Not sure 30.4%

Findings: Online sexual harassment

Ofsted

- Nearly 90% of girls, and nearly 50% of boys, said being sent explicit pictures or videos of things they did not want to see happens a lot or sometimes to them or their peers.

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In our survey, respondents said that images being shared without consent happens:

- Everyday 0%
- Weekly 0%
- Once a month 3.6%
- Less than once a month 5.4%
- Never 67.9%
- Not sure 23.2%

What can we do?

- **What the UTC is doing**

- Enhanced Personal Development lessons – healthy relationships, consent, sexting.
- Staff training

- **What students can do**

- If it's you - **stop**
- Culture of “calling it out” / challenging – *calling it what it is*
- Do not “normalise” this behaviour because it is common
- Report it!