

# Contextual Safeguarding: Lessons from Practice in Scotland

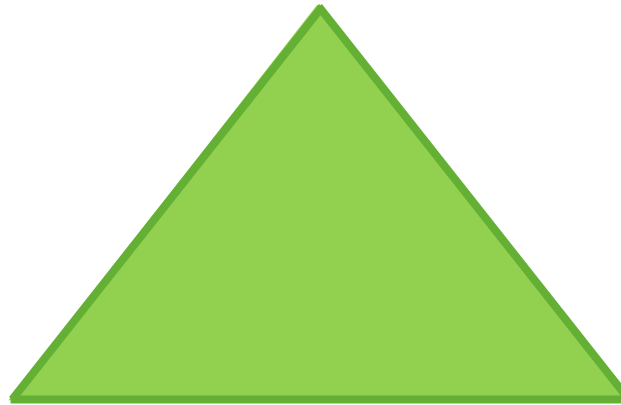
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# ***The Perception – “Prostitution” or Sex Industry Triangle***

**“Child Prostitute” / “Rent Boy” / Sex Worker**



**Pimp / Facilitator**

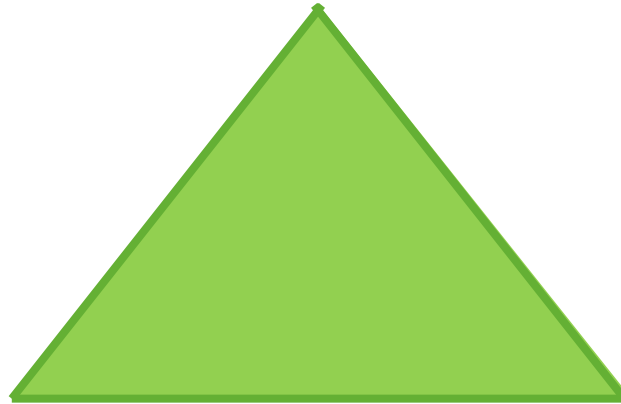
**Punter / Customer**

This model suggests that a child or young person is choosing their lifestyle; it allows facilitators, pimps and punters to justify and attempt to legitimise their abuse of children.



# ***The Reality***

**Abused Child**



**Child Abuser**

**Child Sex Offender**

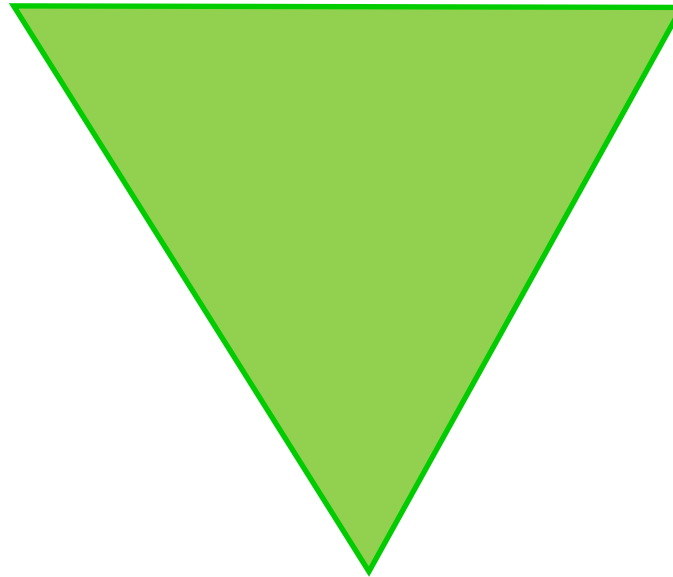
In the Protection Triangle we see that the child is a victim who needs protection from adult perpetrators. This reflects that there is a supply and demand side to the problem and that intervening in the entire system will have a more successful outcome than focusing on any individual part.



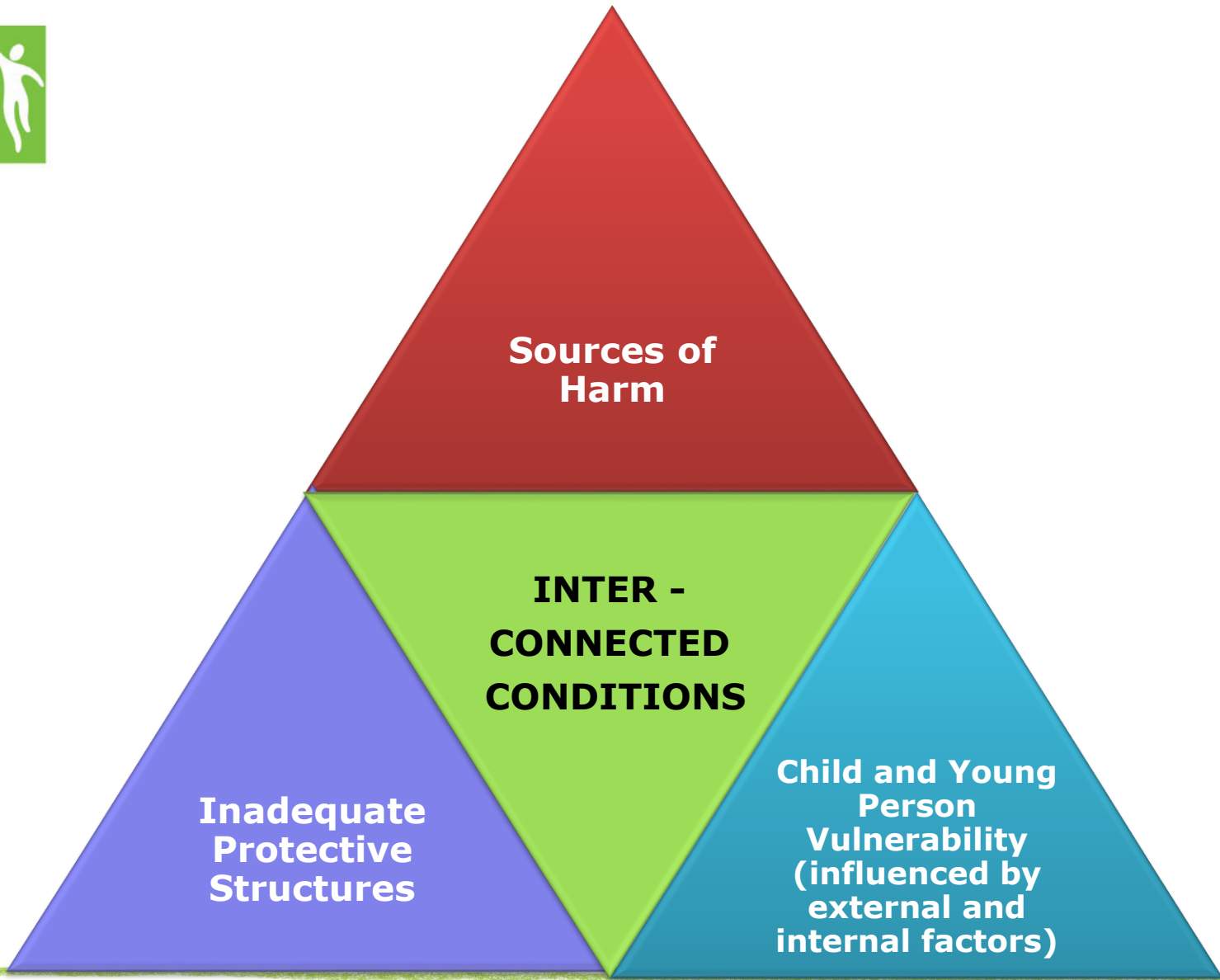
# ***Disruption/Prosecution Triangle***

**Perpetrators**

**Locations**



**Abused Child**

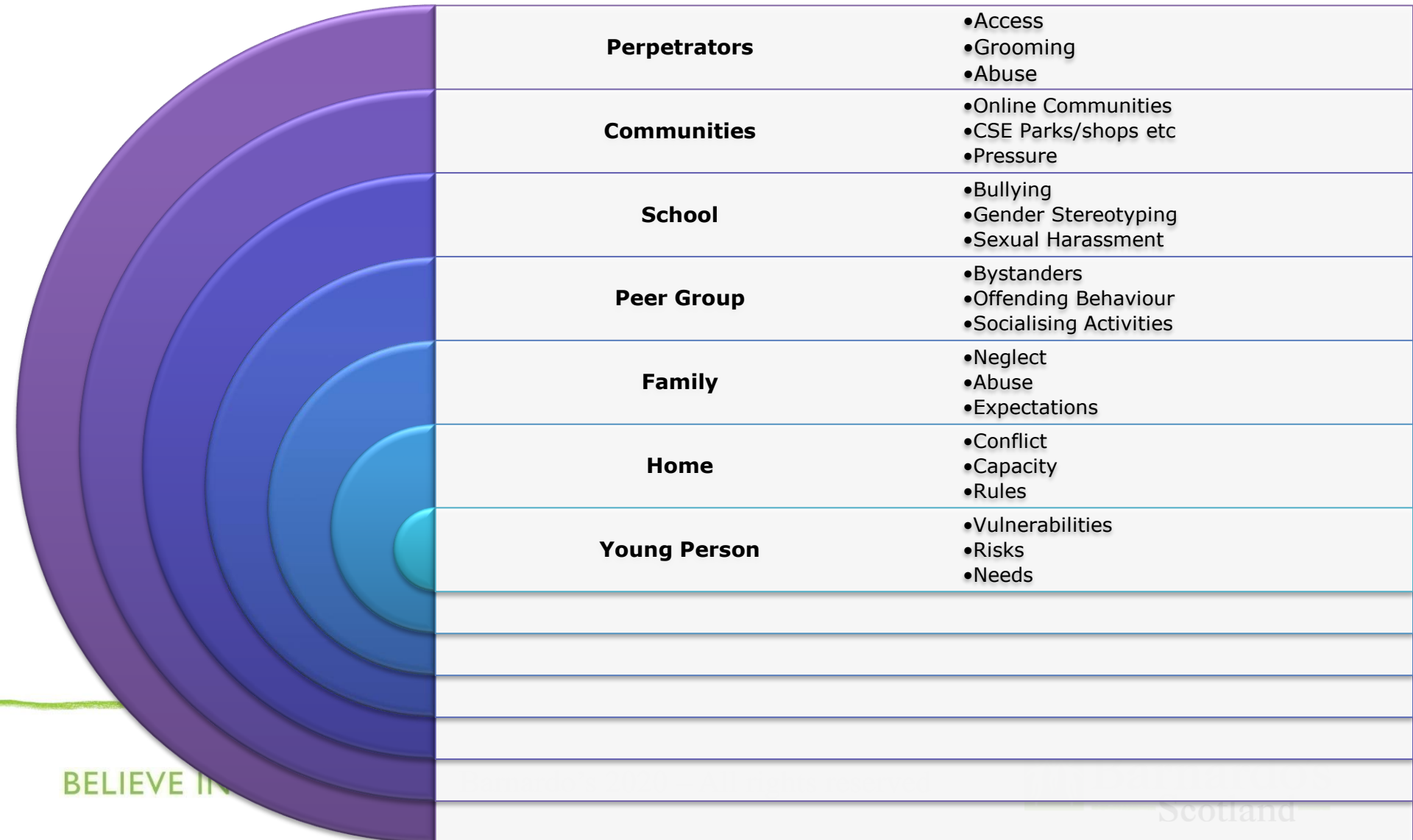




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# ***Interventions***







# Principles

**Working with complex adolescent abuse and exploitation outside of the home.....**

**All decision making should be based on a contextual assessment of harm and abuse and it's impact on their wider network**

**Abuse and exploitation should be viewed through a safeguarding lens with a child protection response**

**Child blaming and/or parent blaming language should be actively challenged within our own practice and also in multi-agency arenas**

**Interventions must be co-developed with children, families and other professionals and grounded in trauma-responsive approaches**





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