

When children victims of sexual abuse don't behave as we expect them to

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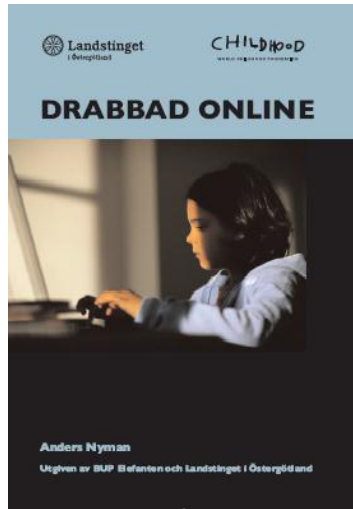
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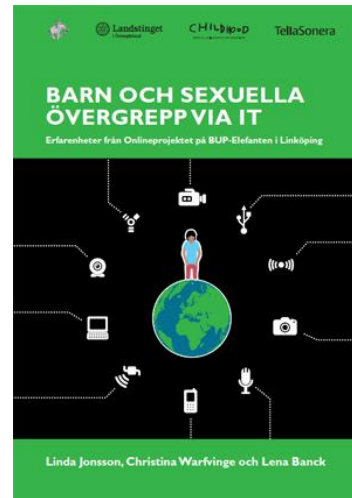
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2006



2009



Sexual harassments /abuse via IT could involve the child:

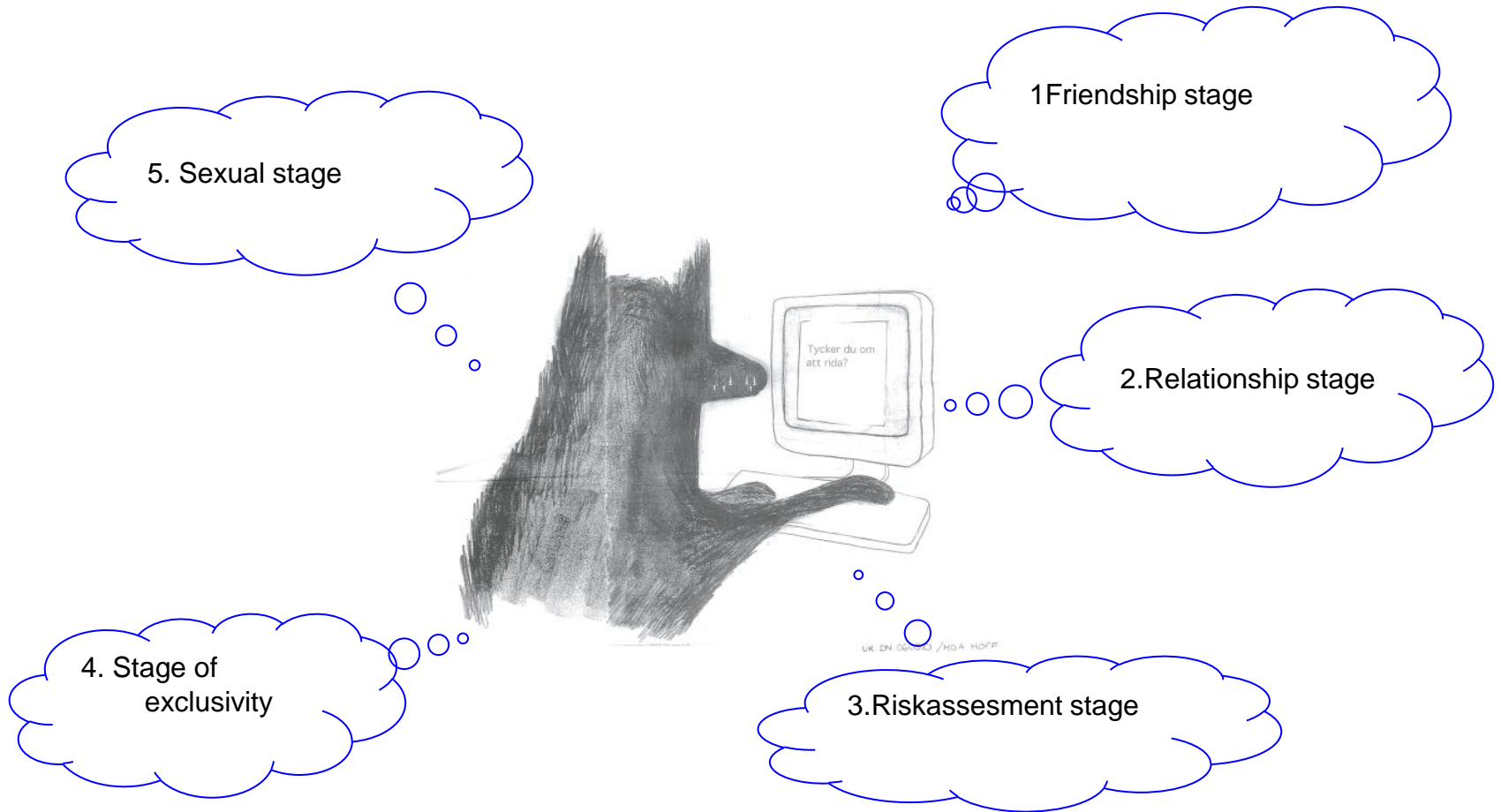
- being sexually bullied/harassed online
- Being exploited on pictures/videos of abuse and other sexualised pictures/videos
- suffering sexual abuse online or offline via online contacts
- receiving remuneration for online or offline sex via online contacts

Sexual Abuse



Many of the children were lured,
manipulated, and groomed.

Grooming





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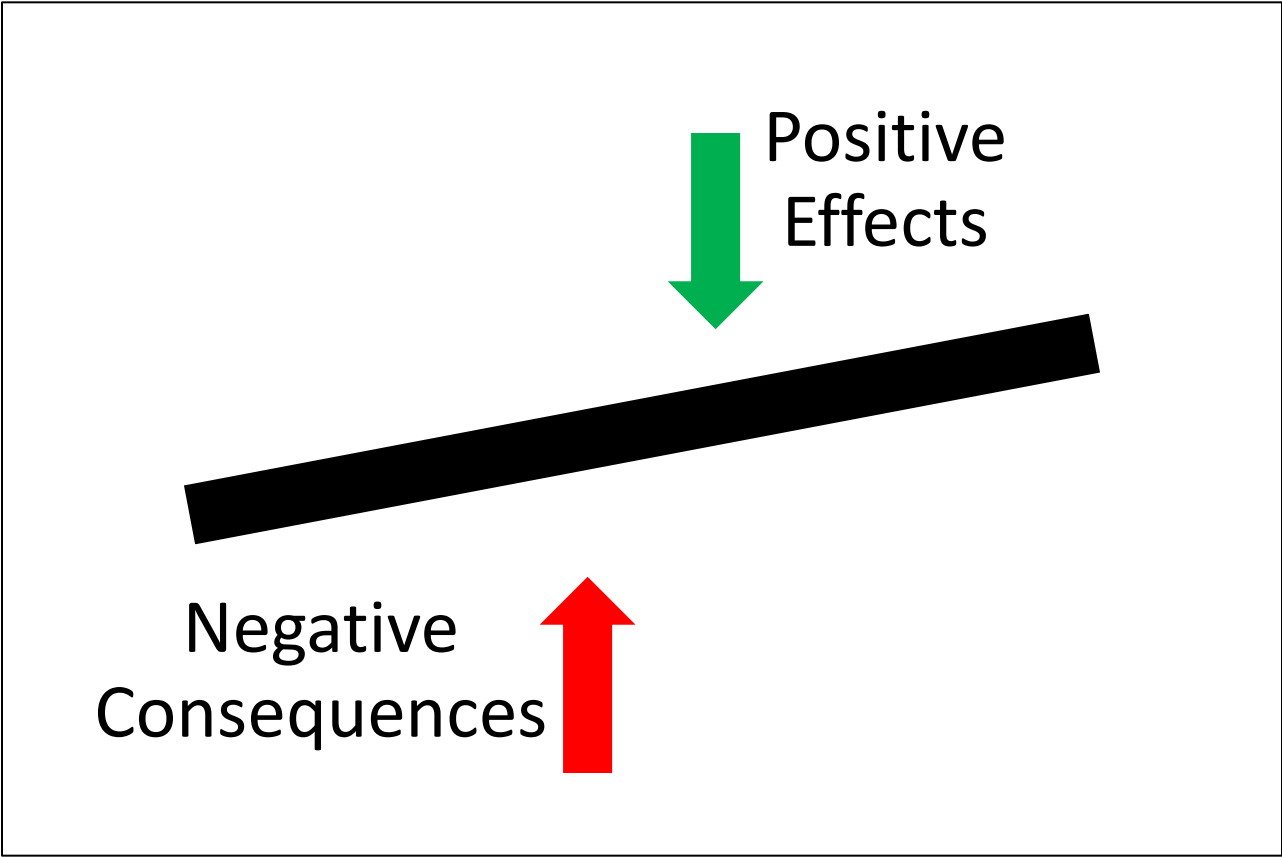
Online behaviour related to child sexual abuse

**Interviews with affected
young people**

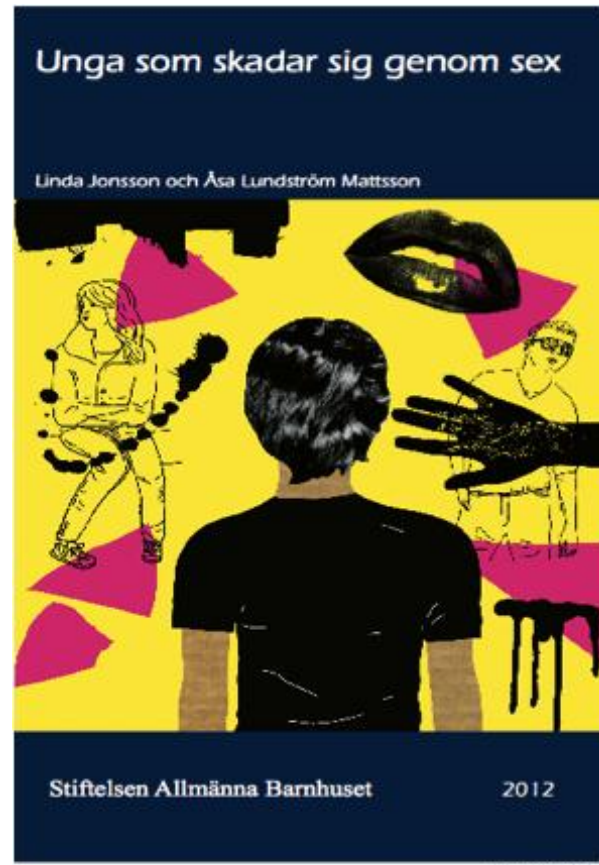


Sexual Risk- taking

- Lured/Groomed
- Somewhere to stay over night
- Need of money, food, drugs, alcohol
- Exciting, fun etc.
- Affirmation/ “See me”
- Threat/Force



“Young persons self-harming through sex” (Jonsson & Lundström Mattsson, 2012)



...and I was the good one, not cutting myself anymore. Everyone was happy but I felt just as bad. Only found other forms that wasn't that visual stuff that almost killed me, for real.

What is self-harming through sex?

Self-harming through sex, means that a person has a pattern of seeking out sexual situations causing mental or physical harm. The behaviour causing significant distress or impairment in school, work or other important areas in life.

(Åsa Landberg, 2012)

When I feel bad, I contact someone who wants to meet me. I feel so bad then that I do anything just to relieve the pressure. Before the meetings the anxiety is so strong that I barely remember how I got there ... then I turn just off. Let someone else take over me and decide. I've become good at sex with men, but that's not what I really want. Afterwards I feel crap. Feeling disgusted and empty. Often I am in pain. I bite my shirt to not scream right out

Victims?

"I am stupid"

Shame

Guilt

Tell or not?



Love vs. Abuse

Hate

Private

"My own fault"

Sex

Sexual abuse

Self harming through sex = Surviving

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