Position of trust

At present, it's illegal for certain professionals such as teachers and care workers to have sex with 16 and 17-year-old children in their care. But this doesn't apply to sports coaches or other youth workers. In January 2017, the NSPCC launched the Trust to Lead campaign which called for the law to be changed so that adults working in children's extracurricular activities are held to the same standards as teachers.

On 16 November 2017, Sports Minister Tracey Crouch announced that the government has agreed to bring the industry in line with the education sector, in which it is illegal for teachers to sleep with pupils under the age of 18. For more information, please visit the <u>NSPCC website</u>.