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The Nature of Sexting Amongst Post-Primary Pupils in Northern Ireland

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This study focuses on the nature of sexting amongst young people in Northern Ireland. There is, as yet, very little qualitative research that explores how young people understand sexting. To fill this gap, interviews were conducted with four stakeholder organisations who assist schools in the delivery of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and with pastoral care co-ordinators in three post-primary (secondary) schools to ascertain how their school is responding to sexting issues. The main finding is that girls will pressure boys for a picture and there is, to a certain degree, objectification of girls and, in some cases, of boys.



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