

# Teacher tried to pay off boy, 14, after sex

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AN 'INFATUATED' teaching assistant who groomed and had sex with a 14-year-old boy, before offering to pay him to drop the charges following her arrest, has been jailed.

Fatinah Hossain span a 'web of lies and manipulation' after the pupil ended their relationship, police said.

The 25-year-old falsely told the boy she was pregnant and threatened



'Infatuated': Fatinah Hossain

pretended to be a girl of 14 online in a bid to set up a member of her victim's family. She faked exchanges of messages between them and made false reports about him to officers.

Hossain admitted perverting the course of justice and one count of sexual activity with the boy. Jailing her for more than five years at Brighton crown court, Judge Jeremy Gold said her campaign was 'relentless, wide-ranging and malicious'.

another youngster to warn them off speaking to the police.

After she was charged last October, Hossain, of Horsham, West Sussex,

## IN BRIEF

### Becks 'sportswashing' claim over Qatar World Cup job



DAVID BECKHAM has been blasted for a £150million deal to be the face of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar because of its human rights record - especially to gay people and women. The ex-England

skipper (pictured), 46, said he has been told the Middle East nation will allow rainbow flags. One critic tweeted: 'Very disappointing decision to sell his image to this #sportswashing exercise.'

### It's no Joker... this looks like hungry work



EVEN supervillains need to stop for a bite. Cosplayers dressed as the Joker (left) and Harley Quinn (right) from Batman have lunch during the MCM Comic Con at the ExCel exhibition centre in east London yesterday. JONATHAN BRADY/PA

### Half-term chaos on the Eurotunnel after power issue

HOLIDAYMAKERS forced to wait up to 16 hours to cross the Channel via the Eurotunnel have complained of 'appalling' customer service.

A power supply problem meant fewer services between Folkestone, in Kent, and Calais on Saturday - the start of the half-term getaway.

Customers said food and water

were in short supply and no attempt was made to prioritise children, people with disabilities or those who had waited longest. Services had returned to normal by 10am yesterday.

Amanda Martin posted: 'Queueing and waiting with no information for 11 hours. No food available, only water. No updates all day. Appalling.'

### Suspect hunted after £700 theft from patient

A THIEF stole £700 from a patient receiving treatment for cancer in hospital.

Police have released a CCTV image of a man (pictured) they wish to speak to about the theft of a debit card and charging cable at

Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham in July.

The suspect spent the money using the victim's stolen card. Anyone with information is asked to contact West Midlands Police.



### Lonely people 'make more appointments to see GP'

PEOPLE who are lonely - particularly if they are women - make more visits to their doctor, research shows. A Sheffield university team made the link between loneliness and demand for healthcare services, such as GP appointments, from the findings of 25 global studies. About 3.7million Britons suffer from loneliness.

### Help just a click away at Missing People charity

A CHARITY for missing people has launched an online chat service for vulnerable adults after a surge in demand during the pandemic. Calls to Missing People have risen by 39 per cent to 1,384 in the past year. For an online chat, visit [missingpeople.org.uk/get-help](https://missingpeople.org.uk/get-help).

### Rare bird found dead after hitting window

A 'NEAR mythical' bird from a species so rare it is only recorded in Britain once a year has been found dead - after it crashed into a window. The Russian white thrush was found with a broken neck in a garden in Dorset where birdwatcher Lawrence Dagnall, 62, was working.

### Polio fight goes on dye and night

THE Tower of London is lit up in purple to mark World Polio Day. Though mostly eradicated, Rotary International's 36-year-old End Polio Now campaign continues to stop the deadly disease resurging. Purple dye is dabbed on fingers of children after their jab in some countries.



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