

## Child Sexual Exploitation Screening Tool

### Child Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Team

The purpose of the tool is to enable professionals to assess a child's level of risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE) in a quick and consistent manner. The screening tool can be applied to all children (male and female) under the age of 18 years and is to be used by anyone who has a concern that a child may be being sexually exploited.

#### Important points to remember when considering CSE:

- Both girls and boys can be victims of child sexual exploitation and are equally vulnerable.
- The coercer(s) and perpetrator(s) are usually an adult(s), but children and young people can also act in a sexually abusive way towards other young people or exert power e.g. group/gang members of either gender.
- Children and young people may exchange or sell sex as a result of constrained choices such as poverty, isolation and historic abuse.
- Although it is rare, parents/carers may be involved in the sexual exploitation of their children.
- Groups of children and multiple perpetrators may be involved (organised abuse).
- No child under 13 years should be assessed as Low Risk if behaviours indicate a risk of CSE.
- Children with additional needs require special consideration up to the age of 21 years.
- No child with a learning disability should be assessed as Low Risk if behaviours indicate involvement in or risk of CSE.
- Be aware: disclosure of information by the child may take time and evident risks may only emerge during ongoing assessment, support and interventions with the child and/or family.

#### Guidance on the use of the screening tool

1. Completion of the Screening Tool by the professional identifying the concerns should involve liaison with other agencies to ensure that there is multiagency Information sharing and support.
2. The screening tool is intended to assist the exercise of professional judgment by assisting professionals to consider the risk of harm to a child. Professionals are encouraged to go beyond the child's presenting behaviour e.g. missing episodes and to explore what else might be going on for this child/young person.
3. If a child presents with one indicator, action is required. Early intervention improves the chances of positive outcomes. One indicator is unlikely to require Children's Social Work Services or specialist services intervention unless it is a Significant Risk category.
4. Assessing or screening for child sexual exploitation should not be seen as a one off event. Young people can move very quickly between risk categories, therefore regular assessment should be undertaken using the Screening Tool. Any escalation of risk should be dealt with in accordance with procedures.
5. Using the CSE Multi-agency Threshold Descriptors alongside the Screening tool will determine which level of intervention is required dependant on the assessed level of risk.
6. Disruption and prosecution of perpetrator/s is also of significant importance therefore, any information which comes to light about the victim/s or Perpetrator/s (however insignificant this may seem) should be passed on to the Police.

**IMMEDIATE SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS: If you are concerned that a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm then you should dial '999' and tell the Police. If you have any information which might help protect a child you should dial '101'.**

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Details of Person Completing the Screening Tool			
Name		Telephone Number	
Organisation/Role		E Mail Address	

Personal Details of Child/Young Person			
Family Name		Address	
First Name (s)			
Middle Name (s)			
Gender			
Date of Birth <i>(dd/mm/yy)</i>		Post Code	
CCM No <i>(CYPS Only)</i>		School/Education Setting	
Social Care Case Level		Assessment Date <i>(dd/mm/yy)</i>	
Ethnicity		Age at Time of Assessment	

Perpetrators Details							
Family Name	First Name (s)	Middle Name (s)	Alternative Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Ethnicity	Age

## Risk Assessment

### Significant Risk (select all appropriate options)

Previous Victim of CSE	Unexplained gifts or additional mobile phones	Visiting hotels with adults	Visiting night clubs with adults
Recruiting Others into Exploitative Situations	Meeting known or unknown adults inappropriately	Being groomed to meet via the internet	Transported from town to town for sexual activity with adults
Clothes/phones/money jewellery/drugs/cigarettes	Over sexualised appearance	Associating with known CSE perpetrators or victims	Presence at hot spot CSE areas such as taxi ranks bus stations off licences and take away
Information of direct involvement in CSE from reliable sources	Engaging in sexual activities with adults or with peers at young age	Presence or frequenting red light areas	

#### Comments:

### Strong Indicators of CSE (select all appropriate options)

Considerable change in school performance / attendance/behaviour	Multiple callers to address	Receiving calls/text from unknown person/additional unexplained mobile phone or other mobile device	Self-harming and/or suicide tendencies/Substance misuse
Association with other victims of CSE	Multiple boyfriends / girlfriends	Sexualised risk taking including internet	Involvement in crime or anti social behaviour
STI or emergency hormonal contraception	Forming relationships via internet	Missing or Absent From Home episodes	Entering or leaving unknown vehicles
Found in areas with no known connection	Over sexualised behaviour for age	Involvement in exploitative relationships	Involved in gang type activity
Association with risky adults	Pregnancy and or termination	Unexplained relationships with adults	Evidence of self-harming
Older boyfriend/girlfriend	Unexplained physical injuries	Exclusion from school due to behaviour – may not have been excluded – reduced timetable/alternative provision	Change in physical appearance – weight loss / weight gain / external signs such as extreme fatigue or sudden increase in make-up tattoos piercings etc.

#### Comments:

<b>Early Indicators of CSE (select all appropriate options)</b>				
Absent Truancing from school	Detached from age related activities	Lack of interest in education	Physically aggressive towards other family members	
Frequent poor behaviour	Secretive relationships	Returning home late	Secretive behaviour	
Becoming estranged from family	Mood swings	Hostility towards other family members	Secretive about internet use	
Change in appearance including sudden increase in make up or tattoos and piercings etc	Change in sporting leisure activities/ interests (e.g. no longer interested in football / dancing when they used to be)			
<b>Comments:</b>				

<b>Vulnerability Factors (select all appropriate options)</b>				
Live in a chaotic or dysfunctional family	Low self-esteem or confidence	Parents with mental health problems	Live in residential or foster care or unstable adoptive placement	
Drugs or alcohol abuse	Mental health problems	Sexually active	Subject of bullying	
History of sexual abuse within the family	Social or learning difficulties	Recent bereavement or loss	Homeless	
Parents with drugs or alcohol abuse	Migrant, refugee or asylum seeker	Unsure of their sexual orientation	Previous victim of CSE	
Lack of protective factors within family	History of domestic abuse within family			
<b>Comments:</b>				

**Additional Comments**

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**Name(s) and Signature(s) of Professional(s) making this assessment**

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**Multi Agency Management Decision**

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