 

Child Exploitation

Risk Identification Tool

 for Partner Agencies

**Please refer to the Child Exploitation Risk Identification Tool Practice Guidance when using this tool**

### Children’s Services contacts:

Duty and Advice Team Tel: 0113 3760336

Child Exploitation Hub Tel: 0113 3789630

### For specialist advice, information and support:

CCE – Youth Justice Service : Leeds.Yos.Admin@leeds.gov.uk

CSE – Basis Tel: 0113 2430036 [www.basisyorkshire.org.uk/youngpeople](http://www.basisyorkshire.org.uk/youngpeople)

CSE parent support - PACE: [www.paceuk.info](http://www.paceuk.info)

CSE parent and sibling support – The SAFE project tel: 0113 3784216

**Details about the child or young person**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Date of Birth** |  |
| **Gender** |  |
| **Ethnicity** |  |
| **Language**  |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |

**Details about the person completing this tool**

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| **Job title:** |  |
| **Agency / Organisation:** |  |
| **Contact telephone****number (s)** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

**Risk identified (tick all that apply)**

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| **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)** | **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)** | **Other (please state)** |
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**Date completed**

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| **Family****Relationships** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Carer(s) show warmth, support the child and have good /positive communication with the child.The child has positive friendships.Reported reduced contact with family /parental concern. |  |
| Medium  | Carer(s) lack understanding, tolerance and warmth towards the child. Parents fail to report missing episodesFamily relationships are strained. Domestic violence in the family.Friends /carers report a change in behaviour /reduced contact with the child /concerns. Family are known offenders. |  |
| High | There is little or no communication between the carer(s). There is a lack of warmth/understanding, / attachment and /or trust. Parents fail to report missing episodes.Breakdown in family relationships / no contact. Family /Friends /peers are known offenders.Domestic violence in the family. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Accommodation** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Some accommodation issues/concerns, but overall accommodation meets the child /young person’s needs and the child feels safe. |  |
| Medium  | Unsuitable / Unstable / Temporary accommodation.Overcrowded.The child is unhappy with their accommodation. |  |
| High | Unsuitable / Unstable / Temporary accommodation.The child is unhappy with their accommodation & often stays elsewhere Homeless or Sofa surfingCare leaver or Looked After Child |  |
| **Information gained and your assessment** |  |

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| **Education** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk Identified  | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Mainly engaged in employment / school /training. Mainly positive relationships in education.Some truanting. |  |
| Medium  | Full time education /training or employment but irregular /poor attendance. Whereabouts during school hours often unknown.Regular breakdown of school /training placements due to behavioural problems.Part-time timetable / off-site provision.Noticeable change in attendance, performance or behaviour. |  |
| High | Regular breakdown of school /training placements due to behavioural problems.Not engaged in education/employment or motivated to be.Part-time timetable / off-site provision.Excluded. Whereabouts often unknown. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Health** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified  | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Fatigue / poor self-image / expressions of despair / low mood.Self harm / eating disorder.Repeated presentations within health services. |  |
| Medium  | Chronic low self-esteem / self confidenceExpression of despair. Suicidal ideation.Repeated presentations within health services.Self harm / eating disorder.Unexplained injuries.Bullying / threatening behaviour / violent outbursts / offending behaviour |  |
| High | Chronic low self-esteem / self confidence. Expression of despair.Unexplained injuries.Self harm / eating disorder.Repeated presentations within health services.Bullying / threatening behaviour / violent outbursts / offending behaviour. Previous suicide attempts.Mental health problems. |
| **Information gained and your assessment** |  |

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| **Running away / going missing** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified  | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.  |  |
| Low | Often comes home late.Missing during school day.Incidents of absence without permission. |  |
| Medium | Frequently staying out late or overnight without permission /explanation.Repeated episodes of running away / going missing. Looking either well cared for or particularly unkempt on return from missing episodes. |  |
| High | Frequent periods of missing. Whereabouts often unknown through the day / night. Missing with other young people assessed at risk of exploitation.Looking either well cared for or particularly unkempt on return from missing episodes.Located in areas of Leeds they are not familiar with and have no links to and / or located in other towns / cities.Located using national transport networks (trains/motorways).Pattern of street homelessness. |  |
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| **Peer relationships and/or contact with abusive adults** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation |  |
| Low | Associating with unknown adults/older peers and/or other exploited children.Change in friendship group. |  |
| Medium  | Extensive use of phone ( late at night, secret use) and/or use of more than one mobile phone.Reports from reliable sources suggesting involvement in exploitation.Violence within peer group.May be linked to a gang. |  |
| High | Extensive use of phone ( late at night, secret use) and/or use of more than one mobile phone.Evidence of association /relationships with adults /older peers believed /known to be involved in grooming /exploitation.Identifies as gang member. Violence within peer group.Significant age gap in interpersonal relationships. |  |
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| **Concerning environments, places and/or spaces** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Spending time where antisocial behaviour is known to take place.Visiting establishments that adults frequent. |  |
| Medium  | Living in a gang neighbourhood / area where exploitation is known to take place.Reported to be spending time in areas where antisocial behaviour / exploitation / gang activity / street sex work is known to take place.Reported to be visiting establishments that are predominantly frequented by adults.Has access to premises not known to parent / carer. |  |
| High | Seen to be picked up in or spending time in areas where antisocial behaviour / gang activity / exploitation / street sex work is known to take place.Regularly seen in establishments that are predominantly frequented by adults.Has access to premises not known to parent / carer. |  |
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| **Substance misuse** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Mild use of substances ( including alcohol) Experimenting with drugs /alcohol |  |
| Medium  | Evidence of regular substance (including alcohol) use. Concerns for use / dependency & change / increase of use |  |
| High | Evidence of heavy /dependant /worrying substance misuse (including alcohol). Chronic dependency of addictive substances. Concerns for use / dependency / increase of use, /funding of usage. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** | Consider the type of substance misused/ how the young person is funding their use /who is supplying them. |

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| **Coercion / control** | **Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Reduced contact with family / friends. |  |
| Medium  | Limited contact with family / friends.Appears to be ‘controlled’ /negatively influenced by others.Physical injuries – external / internal Concerns about significant relationships and domestic abuse /violence |  |
| High | No contact with family / friends. Concerns that relationship might involve abuse /violence/ be controlling.Disclosure of physical / sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation.Physical injuries – external / internal Forced imprisonment / AbductionDisappears from system (no contact with support systems) |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Rewards** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified  | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation |  |
| Low | Possible unaccounted for monies and/or goods.Ability to fund goods such as food / travel. |  |
| Medium | Some unaccounted for monies and/or goods.Funding misuse of drugs /alcohol /use of tobacco through unknown sources.Some concerns about how items such as fast food/taxi fares etc are funded. |  |
| High | Significant concern regarding unaccounted for monies and / or goods. Has unexplained use of or access to non-tangible goods e.g. travel cards/gym/access to fast foodTalks about gaining status / protection / belonging from a group or individual in a position of power.Has unexplained use of more than one mobile phone.Funding misuse of drugs / alcohol / use of tobacco through unknown sources. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Sexual health & relationships** | **Examples of Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Sexually active in consensual peer relationship.Possible sexually transmitted infections (STIs). |  |
| Medium  | Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections. Concerns about untreated STI’sMiscarriage(s) Termination(s).Not accessing sexual health support or practicing safe sex. |  |
| High | Recurring or multiple STI’s. Concerns about untreated STI’s. Not accessing sexual health support or practicing safe sex.Miscarriage(s), Termination(s)Physical symptoms suggestive of sexual assault. Pressured to have sex / perform sexual acts in exchange for monies / goods / status / protection / substances / affection. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Offending behaviour** | **Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | Starting to associate with problematic peer group. Some anti-social behaviour. |  |
| Medium  | Known to police. Peers known to police.Involved in antisocial/criminal behaviour.Known to Youth Justice Service.May carry weapons. |  |
| High | Repeat offences, particularly related to drugs or violent crime.Repeat offences of the same nature (e.g. theft)Confirmed to carry weapons.Linked to gang activity. |  |
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| **Risk to others** | **Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation. |  |
| Low | No identified risk to othersMild concerns about influence on other children & young people. |  |
| Medium  | Concerns that the child / young person might expose others to risky situations.Bullying and threatening behaviour.Offending behaviour. |  |
| High | Places others at risk of child exploitation via friendships / associations / places. Displays violence towards others (including family members and carers)Bullying and threatening behaviourHarmful sexual behaviour motivated by peer pressure. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

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| **Engagement with services / positive activities** | **Risk Indicators** |
| No risk identified | No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.  |  |
| Low | Lack of engagement, some difficulty in contacting the child.Accesses universal positive activities (sports clubs / youth groups etc.). |  |
| Medium  | Some engagement but sporadic contact.Often misses appointments or engages suddenly at crisis points |  |
| High | Brief engagement, frequently fails to attend appointments. Concerning change in behaviour.No contact/ engagement.Sudden engagement at crisis point.No positive activities identified. |  |
| **Information gained + your assessment** |  |

### Other factors to consider and information gained

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| **Other child & family factors to consider** | **Family:** Abuse and/ or neglect in family; parental substance misuse; exposure to adult sex work**Child:** Learning disabilities; financially unsupported; migrant /refugee /asylum seeker; death, loss or illness of a significant person in the child’s life |
| **Information gained and your assessment** | **Other information, such as the name of adults / peers about who there are concerns and places of concern** |

### Please make an overall assessment of the risk of or experience of Child Exploitation below

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| **No risk** | The assessment provides no current evidence that the child /young person is currently at risk of, or experiencing, exploitation.  |  |
| **Low Risk** | The indicators raise some concerns that the child may be at risk of being targeted or groomed. Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team.Child may require a referral to specialist services or early help support.Consider referral to MACE bronze meeting.A discussion could be held with the Children’s Services Duty and Advice Team.If the child/young person has an allocated social worker, a discussion should be held with them and the tool shared with them.If the decision is no further action, or to offer advice, support, guidance, intervention within the home agency and not to contact Children’s Services Duty & advice or the child’s social worker, this must be recorded in child’s record /file.Review this risk identification tool in three months. |  |
| **Medium Risk** | Indicators that the child/young person is vulnerable to being exploited. They may be at risk of opportunistic abuse.Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team.The practitioner must contact Children’s Services Duty and Advice Team if there is not an allocated social worker.Review this risk identification tool in three months if there is no Children’s Social Work Service Involvement. |  |
| **Highest Risk** | Indicators /Assessment /Evidence /Disclosure denote that the child is at immediate risk of, or is experiencing exploitation (they may not recognise this)Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team.The practitioner must contact Children’s Services Duty and Advice Team if there is not an allocated social worker.If it is felt that a child is at immediate risk of harm, the Police must be contacted on 999 |  |