

MULTI AGENCY Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Tool



Definition:

“CSE involves children and young people receiving something – for example, accommodation, drugs, gifts or affection – as a result of them performing sexual activities, or having others perform sexual activities on them. It can occur without physical contact, when children are groomed to post sexual images of themselves on the internet.”

GUIDANCE:

Use the tool where there are concerns that a child may be at risk of, involved in or thought to be experiencing child sexual exploitation. It will assist in identifying indicators of sexual exploitation and then to determine what intervention, support services and disruption tactics are required.

THIS TOOL IS A GUIDE & SHOULD AID PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT & NOT REPLACE IT. Please refer to the [NSCB & NCSCB CSE guidance](#) for the full guidance.

HOW TO USE THE TOOL:

Being mindful of the pre-existing vulnerabilities of the child identify the indicators present in each of the categories, **Low**, **Medium** and **High**. Use the score **and** the analysis to reach a professional judgment regarding the level of CSE risk and the response required. **No risk** indicates no **identified** risk related to CSE, it does not mean that there is not exploitation. Unmet needs or risk which are not linked to CSE can be addressed through other assessments or services.

Low risk: The presence of FOUR (4) or more indicators of LOW risk should result in a referral to the Early Help Unit or Children and Families Direct

Indicates low evidence the child is being exploited but acknowledges some evidence of risky behaviours and a risk of being targeted or groomed. The child may require services to increase awareness of sexual exploitation, healthy relationships, staying safe. If the child was a known victim of child sexual exploitation previously (which skews the assessment) and there are no current concerns about risk of CSE, they can be assessed as low risk and referred to a specialist service to increase awareness if required.

Medium risk: TWO (2) indicators in the MEDIUM category requires a referral to the MASH or Children and Families Direct and consideration of a Multi-Agency CSE strategy meeting.

Indicates children assessed at risk of sexual exploitation due to their own vulnerabilities; behaviours or association with victims or perpetrators of sexual exploitation; chaotic lifestyles and high risk behaviours and disengagement from services/education. When the child has experienced sexual exploitation previously, CSE processes have been followed and they remain vulnerable, professional judgement should be exercised in whether or not a further CSE strategy meeting or referral to a specialist services is required.

High risk: ONE (1) indicator in this category should result in an immediate referral to MASH or Children and Families Direct and a CSE strategy meeting should be held.

There is evidence that the child is at immediate or continuing risk of sexual exploitation which is based on the child's levels of involvement in or frequency of high risk behaviour.

IF a low risk outcome occurs BUT professional judgement suggest a higher level of risk the case can still be discussed with the MASH or Children and Families Direct.

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Child details			
Name		Name also known as	
Date of birth		Age	
Gender		Sexual orientation	
Ethnicity		Religion	
Address		Post code	
Telephone number		First language	
Child has a disability			
Specify disability			
Communication needs			
Is the child Looked After?			
Child's legal status if accommodated			
Is the child subject to a child protection plan?			
Is the child currently missing/ regularly going missing?			
Did the child participate in completing tool?			
Date risk assessment tool completed			

Professional(s) details completing the assessment			
Name		Telephone number	
		E-mail	

Placement information for Looked After Child	
Placement type	
Placement address & details	
Other Professionals involved	

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Vulnerability Factors		Early Indicators of CSE/LOW	
Live in a chaotic or dysfunctional family	☐	Early experimenting with drugs or alcohol	☐
History of domestic abuse within the family or own relationship	☐	Absent/truanting from school	☐
History of sexual abuse within the family	☐	Lack of interest in education	☐
History of physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect		Frequent poor behaviour	☐
Parents with mental health problems	☐	Returning home late	☐
Parents with drugs or alcohol abuse	☐	Becoming estranged from family	☐
Bereavement or loss including loss of sibling	☐	Hostility towards other family members or friends	☐
Lack of protective factors within family unit including love and security	☐	Physically aggressive to other family members	☐
Social or learning difficulties	☐	Mood swings	☐
Low self-esteem or confidence	☐	Detached from age related activities	☐
Unsure of their sexual orientation	☐	Secretive behaviour	☐
Unsure of gender identity	☐	Change in appearance	☐
Drugs or alcohol misuse by child	☐	Secretive relationships	☐
Looked after child	☐	Secretive about internet use	☐
Sexually active	☐	N.B. No child under 13 or with learning difficulties can be categorised as low risk	
Homeless including sofa surfing	☐		
Migrant, refugee or asylum seeker	☐		
Previous victim of CSE by child or a sibling	☐		
Under 13 years of age	☐		
Significant physical health issues or learning disability for parent/carer	☐		
Financially unsupported	☐		
Parent/care involved in prostitution	☐		
Subject of bullying	☐		
Mental health problems			
Additional detail/evidence regarding vulnerabilities		Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators	

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Strong Indicators of CSE/MEDIUM		Serious indicators of CSE/HIGH	
Considerable change in school performance	☐	Recruiting others into exploitative situations	☐
Exclusion from school due to behaviour	☐	Meeting unknown adults	☐
Association with other victims of CSE	☐	Previous victim of CSE	☐
Sexually active under 13 yrs.	☐	Chronic alcohol or drug misuse	
Pregnancy, miscarriage and/or termination including if under 13 yrs.	☐	Unexplained gifts: clothes, phones, money, jewellery, drugs, cigarettes	☐
Multiple or recurring STI's	☐	Over sexualised appearance	☐
Missing or absent from home or care	☐	Being groomed to meet via the internet	☐
Found in areas with no known connection	☐	Engaging in sexual activity with adults	☐
Involvement in exploitative relationships	☐	Presence or frequenting red light areas	☐
Association with risky adults	☐	Visiting nightclubs with adults	☐
Unexplained relationships with adults	☐	Visiting hotels with adults	☐
Receiving calls/texts from unknown persons	☐	Transported from town to town for sexual activity with adults.	☐
Multiple boyfriends/girlfriends	☐	Associating with known CSE perpetrators	☐
Clipping – offering sex for money with intention to rob and run away	☐	Linked to hotspot CSE areas i.e. taxi ranks, bus stations, off licences and take-aways	☐
Change in physical appearance – weight loss or eating disorder	☐	Information of direct involvement in CSE from reliable sources.	☐
Forming relationships via the internet	☐	Serious self-harming	☐
Older boyfriend/girlfriend	☐	Sexual assault disclosure then withdrawal	☐
Entering or leaving unknown vehicles	☐		
Self-harming and/or suicidality/suicide ideation	☐		
Over sexualised behaviour for age	☐		
Sexualised risk taking (including internet)	☐		
Gang involvement	☐		
Multiple callers to address	☐		
Unexplained physical injuries	☐		
Involvement in crime	☐		
Poor self-image	☐		
Breakdown of LAC placement due to behaviour	☐		
Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators		Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators	

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No. of indicators:	<u>LOW</u>		<u>MED</u>		<u>HIGH</u>		
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Professional's analysis :

Using the guidance and considering your personal analyses in each area, give your final view regarding risk. Please include in this section any locations of concern and/or any persons of concern (including nicknames).

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The child is assessed as	LOW	MED	HIGH
Professional's name and signature			
Manager's name and signature			

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Manager's comments and view :

Date

For ALL agencies other than children's social care this form does not replace a referral.

County: All agencies please send a copy of the completed form to

cse.riskassessment@nottscg.gov.uk FOR INFO

City: CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE ONLY please ALWAYS send a copy of the completed form to

racheal.osborne@nottinghamcity.gcsx.gov.uk and evelyn.hailwood@nottinghamcity.gcsx.gov.uk