

**Child Exploitation (CE) and Serious Youth Violence (SYV) Simple Screening Tool**

The screening tool is designed to help identify possible risks of exploitation and/or serious youth violence. Your observations of behaviours and any significant changes will be important as children will often deny or be unaware that they are being exploited.

Significant changes in behaviours, a single high-risk episode or multiple risk factors may indicate that the child is a victim of abuse through exploitationrather than a teenager experimenting with risk taking.

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| Sexual Exploitation | any sexual activity with a child in exchange or to either enhance perpetrators reputation/status or for the financial gain of the perpetrator |
| Criminal Exploitation | Forcing/coercing a child to engage in criminal behaviour e.g.: drug dealing, county lines, holding weapons/drugs, ABH, GBH, shoplifting, burglary, mugging (robbery) |
| Serious Youth Violence | when young people hurt or seriously threaten to hurt others. It includes things like using knives or weapons, being in violent fights, or being involved in gangs. It can cause serious injuries or even death. |

Often, children do not recognise themselves as victims, or that they are being groomed, and as a result disclosures of such abuse can be unlikely. Therefore, this indicator tool aids the identification of exploitation.

**This is an initial screening tool, and not a risk assessment**. Please complete as fully as possible. If there are indicators of Exploitation, please contact: XXXXXXXX

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| **1. Child or young person’s details** | |
| **Child’s name:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Child or young person’s preferred pronouns:** |  |
| **Child or young person’s gender identity:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Ethnicity:** |  |
| **Are they in education, employment or training?** |  |
| **Place of education, employment or training?** |  |
| **Does the child have any additional needs i.e. any neuro-divergence that impact on understanding, communication and interaction with others?** |  |

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| **Indicators**  Children are groomed and exploited in different ways. Below are some signs that may signify if the child is being groomed for exploitation, being exploited or involved in serious youth violence. | **Observations / Detail** |
| 1. Have they shown guarded or secretive behaviour? |  |
| 1. Does their behaviour change if any suspicions or concerns are raised with them? |  |
| 1. Have they had any injuries suggestive of physical assault that causes concern? |  |
| 1. Is there evidence of drugs or alcohol use? |  |
| 1. Child has been coerced, exploited or sexually abused? |  |
| 1. Have they accessed emergency contraception or contraception outside of ‘normal’ amounts? Or had any sexually transmitted infections? |  |
| 1. Do they have unexplained money or new and expensive clothes, shoes or items? |  |
| 1. Have they shown aggression or physical harm towards people or animals? |  |
| 1. Is there a family member or known associate working in the adult sex trade or involved in crime or drug activity? |  |
| 1. Are they regularly missing from home or frequently returning late? |  |
| 1. Are there changes in relationships with their peers or new unexplained friendships including friends of an older age group? |  |
| 1. Do peers or adults who may pose known or unknown risks try to associate with them? |  |
| 1. Do they have concerning relationships, e.g. age, imbalance of power, exploitation, sexual? |  |
| 1. Is there evidence of carrying a bladed article or weapon? |  |
| 1. Is there evidence of dealing / supply of drugs and any associated debts? |  |
| 1. Are they part of a peer group that is a cause of concern? |  |
| 1. Are there concerns about their attendance at school / college / training/employment? |  |
| 1. If they out of Education/Training or Employment are there concerns about how they spend their time? |  |
| 1. Have they often been in places or locations that increase the child’s vulnerability? |  |
| 1. Do they feel unsafe in the places/spaces where they spend time? |  |
| 1. Have they been linked to anti-social behaviour or crime? |  |
| 1. Have they been travelling or taken to locations for suspected exploitation or no good reason? (identify the mode of travel) |  |
| 1. Is there unusual use of mobile phones such as multiple phones, receiving calls or texts at unusual times, secretive use, leaving as soon as receiving a text or call? |  |
| 1. Are there concerns about online activity/ grooming? (i.e. sexual, criminal, financial) |  |
| 1. Do you know if they have been coerced to provide explicit images or engage in inappropriate online activity, i.e. sexual activity or receiving rewards/ credits? |  |
| 1. Have they made or received online threats? |  |

Name of person completing the tool……………………………………..

Date Tool Completed………………………………………………..