Recognising Extra Familial Abuse (Child Exploitation)

If you wish to discuss exploitation concerns further, you can request a consultation via emailing exit.team@bolton.gov.uk

If you have intelligence about exploitation, you should submit this directly to the police by emailing bolton.csh@gmp.police.uk

Concerns relating to health

- At risk of harm perpetrated *outside of the home* (e.g., knife or gun related injury, rape, STIs, unwanted pregnancies, sexual abuse, neglect etc)
- Experiencing relationship difficulties outside of the home, having negative impact on wellbeing
- Suicide attempts &/or self-harm
- Problematic use of substances and /or alcohol

Concerns relating to ETE

- Victim or instigator of harm at school or via school-based networks
- Exposed to physical or sexual violence at school or via school-based networks
- High levels of academic pressure, leading to stress/absenteeism
- Not connected to school community
- Evidence of illegal/forced employment

Concerns relating to social and neighbourhood

- Appears to have been trafficked or MFH due to "pulls" outside home
- Involved in criminality that may be indicative of exploitation, (group offences, violence, acquisitive crime, some vehicle crime, selling drugs)
- Exposure to risky people, places, and spaces (consider online world) e.g., adults who pose a risk, peers who normalise & encourage behaviours, found in known hotspots, underage & problematic alcohol use, weapons, drug use & dealing, violence, trauma
- Feels unsafe to enter certain communities & locations
- Isolated, not connected to community

Concerns relating to home/family/carers

- Lack of positive connections to others in personal life
- Role models may increase risk of exploitation
- Adults with responsibility may be unable to identify & respond to risks
- Evidence of adults who pose a risk linked to carers/home
- Evidence of concerns within home that may "push" young person to go MFH