

## PAN CHESHIRE CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING/CHILD EXPLOITATION PATHWAY 2019

**Child or young person being actively exploited and in need of immediate protection – call police 999**

Where child exploitation, or the risk of it, is suspected, frontline practitioners should complete the [Pan Cheshire Contextual Safeguarding Screening Tool](#). (*Accessed via Safeguarding websites*)  
The screening tool should be sent to the relevant local authority Children's Service Front Door. The relevant front door will review all information and a multi-agency decision on level risk will be made and actions agreed

If the child is an open case then a request would go to the lead professional to complete the Contextual Safeguarding Assessment tool. If the child is not known then it will go the local authorities' relevant meeting to make a decision on the best placed practitioner to complete the risk assessment tool

**LOW RISK**

**MEDIUM RISK**

**HIGH RISK**

The child is not at immediate risk of harm offer Early Help Assessment

Does case meet threshold for Children Social Care Referral

Initial multi-agency / strategy discussion to take place; giving consideration to information sharing, police intelligence and disruption activity.  
Complete Contextual Safeguarding assessment tool  
Complete Social Work Assessment (SWA) and S47 as required

**NO**  
Child is not at immediate risk of harm. Offer Early Help Assessment.

**YES**  
If an open case the assessment and child in need plan to be updated. If not known, case to be allocated for a statutory assessment.

Regular meetings and reviews take place. [Contextual Safeguarding assessment tool](#) revisited. If risk escalates service continues at appropriate level and plan is reviewed. If risk is reduced to low consider closure/step-down as appropriate. **Cases cannot be stepped down or closed from Early Help or Children's Social Care until an updated assessment tool indicates risk has reduced.**

For concerns around location or adults an [information sharing form](#) should be completed (accessed via the Safeguarding websites) and sent to the relevant Contextual Safeguarding/ Child Exploitation Operational Group, it should include a copy of the completed screening/ assessment tool.

In all cases: Social Care Front door to submit [Information Sharing Form and Screening Tool/ Assessment](#) to Safeguarding Unit and Police PPU.