

Overview of the AIM Under 12s Model of Assessment

The AIM Under 12s Model of Assessment is a framework for assessing children aged 8 to 12 years old where there are concerns about harmful sexual behaviour. The AIM Under 12s model enables the practitioner to consider the harmful sexual behaviour within the wider context of the child's life, across 5 Domains - Sexual, Non-Sexual, Developmental, Family/Environmental and Self-Regulation. The assessment of these Domains creates a graph profile of the child which identifies which areas require immediate risk management (red), medium/long term (amber) intervention as well as what possible strengths (green) exist for the child which can be used to change or manage the child's behaviour so there are no further incidents of harmful sexual behaviour.

The model and the graph profile are designed to assist practitioners in reviewing progress with professionals, the child and their parent or carer, determining what are the most appropriate interventions to reduce the areas of concern. It ensures individualised safety plans and targeted interventions as the child progresses in their pathway to addressing the harmful sexual behaviour.

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