**This tool should be used to screen young people between 10 years and 17 years where you believe there is a possible risk of criminal exploitation. The tool will help you focus on the specific indicators of criminal exploitation and determine whether you should be completing a full Child Exploitation Assessment.**

***Definition of Child Criminal Exploitation***

*Child Criminal Exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into any criminal or sexual activity. This will be carried out in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and /or for the financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator, and/ or through violence or threat of violence.*

*The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. Child Criminal Exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.*

*Criminal exploitation of children is broader than county lines and includes for instance children forced to work on cannabis farms or to commit theft.*

**All children can be exploited but the following are additional vulnerability factors:**

* Being in care (particularly those in residential care and those with interrupted care histories)
* Having prior experience of neglect, physical and/or sexual abuse
* Lack of a safe/stable home environment, now or in the past (domestic violence or parental substance misuse, mental health issues or criminality, for example)
* Having mental health or substance misuse issues;
* Having a physical or learning disability
* Being excluded from mainstream education, attending a Pupil Referral Unit.
* Social isolation or social difficulties
* Economic vulnerability
* Homelessness or insecure accommodation status
* Poor / limited ability to identify exploitative behaviours

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| **Mosaic ID / CareDirector ID** |  |  | **Child's Name** |  |
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| **Telephone** |  |  | **Date of Birth** |  |
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| **Address** |  |
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| **Risk Factors** | **Risk** |
| Frequent missing episodes | Yes / No / Not known |
| Found in locations out of area particularly where there is no known reason for visiting | Yes / No / Not known |
| Parents/Carers not consistently reporting missing episodes | Yes / No / Not known |
| Increasing use of drugs or alcohol | Yes / No / Not known |
| In possession of money/gifts/items/phones/clothing that cannot be accounted for | Yes / No / Not known |
| Change in physical appearance and/or change in behaviour i.e. more secretive/withdrawn/isolated from peers or not mixing with usual friends | Yes / No / Not known |
| Pregnancy / termination / tested for sexually transmitted infections | Yes / No / Not known |
| Been coerced or forced into taking/sharing indecent images of self or others | Yes / No / Not known |
| Involvement in criminal activity | Yes / No / Not known |
| Has more than one mobile phone | Yes / No / Not known |
| Indicates they feel indebted to other individuals or groups | Yes / No / Not known |
| Connections with other people involved in gangs, criminality or organised crime and/or fear of reprisal from ‘gang’ members or violence from young people or adults | Yes / No / Not known |
| Missing items/money from home | Yes / No / Not known |
| Associating with other young people known to be involved in exploitation | Yes / No / Not known |
| Believed to be carrying/concealing weapons | Yes / No / Not known |
| Poor/reduced school/college attendance - under 60% | Yes / No / Not known |
| Not attending school at all | Yes / No / Not known |
| Increasingly disruptive, hostile or physically aggressive at home or school, including use of sexualised language and language in relation to drug dealing and/or violence | Yes / No / Not known |
| Physical injuries such as bruising, indicative of physical or sexual assault | Yes / No / Not known |
| Minimising or retracting statements of harm/assault made to Police/Professionals | Yes / No / Not known |
| Expressions around invincibility or not caring what happens to them | Yes / No / Not known |
| Possession of hotel keys / cards or keys to unknown premises | Yes / No / Not known |
| Reports of young person being taken to/found at parties, people’s houses, hotels, nightclubs, takeaways or out of area by/with unknown adults | Yes / No / Not known |
| Forming relations with unknown adults, including online | Yes / No / Not known |
| Known to be involved in criminal activity in exchange for money, drugs etc | Yes / No / Not known |
| Believed to be moved around / travelling to undertake criminal activity | Yes / No / Not known |
| Receiving rewards of money or goods to recruit others to criminal activity | Yes / No / Not known |
| Found with large quantities of drugs or weapons | Yes / No / Not known |
| Found with drugs inside rectum or vagina | Yes / No / Not known |
| Self-harm indicators/mental health concerns/suicidal thoughts | Yes / No / Not known |

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| **Please summarise the evidence drawn upon to complete the above and detail why you are or are not recommending a full CE Risk Assessment be completed** |
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