

Risk and Harm Screening Tool



Guidance

This screening tool has been developed for the purposes of monitoring risk across the borough and offering support where children are identified as being at risk of being exploited and or involved in serious youth violence and or gang affiliation. Where low risks are identified there is an information leaflet detailing services where children can be offered further support and or where your service offers direct work this should be provided. The Exploitation Team within LBTH can be contacted for additional information and support where required at exploitation.team@towerhamlets.gov.uk or 0207 364 2503. Where significant concerns are identified a referral to MASH needs to be completed.

Important points to remember when considering Exploitation:

- Both girls and boys can be victims of exploitation and are equally vulnerable.
- The coercer(s) and perpetrator(s) are usually adult(s), but children and young people can also act in an exploitative abusive way towards other young people or exert power e.g. group/gang members of either gender.
- Children and young people may exchange or sell sex as a result of constrained choices such as poverty, isolation and historic abuse.
- Although it is rare, parents/carers may be involved in the exploitation of their children.
- Groups of children and multiple perpetrators may be involved (organised abuse).

Child / young person details

ID

Name

Date of birth

Age

Gender

Ethnicity

Address

Social care case level

- CIN CP LAC Other

If other - please specify

Significant risk

The child / young person is / has:

Previous victim of CSE / CCE

- Yes No

Recruiting others into exploitative situations

- Yes No

Clothes / phones / money / jewellery / drugs / cigarettes

- Yes No

Information of direct involvement in exploitation from reliable sources

- Yes No

Arrested for a violent offence (alone or as part of a group)

- Yes No

Unexplained gifts or additional mobile phone

- Yes No

Meeting known or unknown adults inappropriately

Yes

No

Over sexualised appearance

Yes

No

Engaging in sexual activity with adults or with peers at young age

Yes

No

Arrested for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (please check the classification of drugs if unsure)

Yes

No

Visiting hotels with adults

Yes

No

Being groomed to meet via the internet

Yes

No

Associating with known CSE / CCE perpetrators / drug dealers or other victims of exploitation

Yes

No

Presence of frequenting red light areas

Yes

No

Being arrested out of borough

Yes

No

Visiting nightclubs with adults

Yes

No

Transported from town to town for sexual / or criminal activity with adults

Yes

No

Presence at hotspot CSE areas such as taxi ranks, bus stations, off licences and take away

Yes

No

Young person is actively involved with a gang or criminal group (please check suspected gang members with Exploitation Team)

Yes

No

Comments

Strong indicators of exploitation

The child / young person is / has:

Considerable change in school performance / attendance / behaviour

Yes

No

Association with other victims of exploitation

Yes

No

STI or Emergency Hormonal Contraception

Yes

No

Found in areas with no known connection Yes No**Association with risk adults** Yes No**Older boyfriend / girlfriend** Yes No**Arrested for carrying a bladed article or other weapon i.e. hammer** Yes No**Multiple callers to address** Yes No**Multiple boyfriends / girlfriends** Yes No**Forming relationships via internet** Yes No**Over sexualised behaviour for age** Yes No**Pregnancy and / or termination** Yes No**Unexplained physical injuries** Yes No**Association with young people who are gang affiliated** Yes No

Receiving calls / text from unknown person / additional unexplained mobile phone or other mobile device

Yes

No

Sexualised risk taking (including internet)

Yes

No

Regular missing person

Yes

No

Involvement in exploitative relationships

Yes

No

Unexplained relationships with adults

Yes

No

Exclusion from school due to behaviour - may not have been excluded - reduced timetable / alternative provision

Yes

No

Arrested for possession with intent to supply of Class B drug

Yes

No

Self-harming and / or suicide tendencies / substance misuse

Yes

No

Involvement in crime or anti-social behaviour

Yes

No

Entering or leaving unknown vehicles

Yes

No

**Involved in gang type activity. Possessing large amount of unexplained cash.
Suspicious bank account activity**

Yes

No

Evidence of self-harming

Yes

No

Change in physical appearance - weight loss / weight gain / external signs such as extreme fatigue or sudden increase in make-up, tattoos, piercings etc

Yes

No

Associated to gang members through peers or family

Yes

No

Comments

Early indicators of exploitation

The child / young person is / has:

Absent / truanting from school

Yes

No

Frequent poor behaviour

Yes

No

Becoming estranged from family Yes No**Change in appearance - including sudden increase in make-up or tattoos or piercings etc** Yes No**Detached from age related activities** Yes No**Secretive relationships** Yes No**Mood swings** Yes No**Change in sporting or leisure activities/ interests (e.g. no longer interested in football / dancing when they used to be)** Yes No**Lack of interest in education** Yes No**Returning home late** Yes No**Hostility towards other family members** Yes No**Physically aggressive to other family members** Yes No

Secretive behaviour Yes No**Secretive about internet use** Yes No**Comments****Vulnerability factors****The child / young person is / has:****Lives in a chaotic or dysfunctional family** Yes No**Drugs or alcohol abuse** Yes No**History of sexual abuse within the family** Yes No**Parents with drugs or alcohol abuse** Yes No**Lack of protective factors within family unit** Yes No

Low self-esteem or confidence Yes No**Mental health problems** Yes No**Social or learning difficulties** Yes No**Migrant, refugee or asylum seeker** Yes No**History of domestic abuse within the family** Yes No**Parents with mental health problems** Yes No**Sexually active** Yes No**Recent bereavement or loss** Yes No**Unsure of their sexual orientation** Yes No**Lives in residential or foster care or unstable adoptive placement** Yes No**Subject of bullying** Yes No

Homeless Yes No**Previous victim of CSE** Yes No**Comments****Professional judgement**

Do you consider this child / young person to be at high, medium, low or no risk? Please state and explain your decision. (If you consider this person to be at high risk a referral needs to be made to London Tower Hamlets MASH this form needs to be sent alongside an inter-agency referral form).

Do you consider this child / young person is being: Criminally exploited Sexually exploited Involved in serious youth violence Gang affiliated Trafficking

Name:

ID:

Details of gang affiliation

Assessed level of risk

Low risk

Medium risk

High risk

Is the alleged perpetrator known

Yes

No

Alleged perpetrator - 0

Surname

Forename(s)

Alternative name(s)

Date of birth

Age

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Unknown
- Indeterminate

Ethnicity

Details of professional(s) making this assessment - 0

Name

Role

Agency

Completion date

CSC oversight

Assessment of level of risk

- Low risk
- High risk
- Medium risk

Details of person involved in making this decision - 0

Name

Role

Agency

All screening tools once completed where significant harm has not been identified (and consent has been given) need to be emailed to exploitation.team@towerhamlets.gov.uk. If there is risk of significant harm / significant risk identified through this screening tool an Inter-Agency referral form **MUST be sent to MASH alongside this screening tool to MASH@towerhamlets.gov.uk where possible consent should be sought for the inter-agency referral (as per the information on the inter-agency referral form).**