**Child Sexual Exploitation threshold of Risk Indicators**

Following a multi agency review of the CSE Support and Care Pathway changes have been made to the tools and language that is used to describe the level of risk from CSE that a young person is considered to be at, or vulnerable from.

The NWG Network CSE Risk Assessment Tool now underpins the assessment tool used in Telford & Wrekin. The CSE Care and Support windscreen which shows the level of risk has been refreshed and should be used alongside the CSE Risk Assessment Tool. Guidance in relation to risk indicator threshold can be found below. This guidance has been agreed by the CSE Multi Agency Risk Panel Members.

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| **Indicators of Risk**  | **Level of Risk** | **Indicators of Risk** | **Level of Risk** |
| Child under 13 engaging in penetrative sex with someone over 15 years | Acute | Entering/leaving vehicles / cars with unknown adults | Acute |
| Child meeting different adults and exchanging or ‘selling’ sexual activity | Acute | Frequenting areas known for on/off street sex work | Acute |
| Receiving rewards of money or goods for introducing peers to CSE adults | Acute | Disclosure of sexual/physical assault followed by withdrawal of allegation | Acute |
| Knowledge of towns or cities they have no previous connection with. | Acute | Being taken to clubs or hotels and engaging in sexual activity. | Acute |
| Abduction or forced imprisonment | Acute | Association with taxi firms/takeaway owners (night time economy) | Acute |
| Being taken to brothels/massage parlours | Acute | Seen in CSE hotspots (certain flats, recruiting areas, cars or houses) | Acute |

**Within Family/Home/Relationships**

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| **Indicator of Risk**  | **Risk Level** | **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** |
| Change in behaviour/being more secretive/withdrawn/isolated from peers or not mixing with usual friends | Complex | Increasingly disruptive, hostile or physically aggressive at home or school, use of sexualised language | Complex |
| Associating/relationship with significantly older men or women who encourage emotional dependence, loyalty and isolation from safe relationships | Acute | Physical or emotional abuse by a boyfriend/girlfriend or controlling adult including use of manipulation, violence and / or threats. | Acute |
| Associating with other sexually exploited children | Complex | Multiple callers (unknown adults/older young people) | Complex |
| Estranged from family | Complex |  |  |
| Regularly coming home late or going missing from home, care or education for any period of time. | Complex | Returning home after long intervals appearing well cared for. | Acute |

**Health and Mental Health**

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| **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** | **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** |
| Change in physical appearance (new clothes, more/less make-up, weight gain/loss | Complex | Increased health/sexual related problems | Complex |
| Marks or scars or physical injuries on the body or face which they try to conceal. | Acute | Expressions of despair (including depression, mental ill health, self harm, suicidal thoughts/attempts, overdose, eating disorder. | Acute |
| Branding (ie gang logos) | Acute | Repeat unplanned pregnancy or pregnancies (including ending in termination/miscarriage(s). | Acute |
| Sexually transmitted infections and or repeat tests particularly with negative results. | Complex |  |  |

**Behaviour and experiences**

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| **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** | **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** |
| Concealed/concerning use of the internet including web-cam, online gaming, chat rooms ect | Complex | Exclusion from school or unexplained absences from, or not engaged in school/college/training/work | Vulnerable |
| Failing to keep to respond to attempts to keep in touch by workers/carers or recent disengagement. | Complex | Reports of being taken to hotels, nightclubs, takeaways or out of area by unknown adults. | Acute |
| Sexualised risk taking, including on internet or mobile phone, such as sexting (sending explicit messages or photos to adults or peers) | Complex | Young gay/bisexual exploring sexuality in unsupported way. | Vulnerable |
| Association with gangs | Complex | Increasing use of drugs or alcohol or misuse of drugs or alcohol | Complex |
| Fear of victimisation from other gangs due to gang affiliation or rivalry | Acute | Constrained by ‘rules’ of a gang | Acute |
| Inability to negotiate exit from a gang due to fear/dependency | Acute | Displaying signs of harassment/unwanted attention | Vulnerable |
| Fear of gang leaders | Acute | Evidence of sexual bullying | Acute |
| Involved in criminal offending (ie ASB/criminal damage/theft) | Vulnerable | Vulnerability through the internet and/or social networking sites | Complex |
| Unusual association with groups of adults | Complex |  |  |

**Appearance and possessions**

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| **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** | **Indicator of Risk** | **Risk Level** |
| Unexplained amounts of money, mobiles, credit, expensive clothing, jewellery or other items/gifts. | Complex | Overt sexualised dress | Vulnerable |
| Having multiple mobile phones, sim cards or use of a phone that causes concern – multiple callers or more texts/pings than usual. | Complex | Possession of hotel keys/cards or keys to unknown premises. | Acute |