**Risk Factors**

**Can you name some of the risks associated with Child Sexual Exploitation?**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**5.**

**Examples of risk factors:**

* Going Missing.
* Drug and Alcohol misuse and dependency.
* Physical symptoms – sexually transmitted infections, miscarriage, abortion, bruising or marks indicating physical or sexual assault.
* Young people who have not received appropriate levels of attention from concerned adults.
* Associating with older men or ‘risky’ adults.
* Accounts of social activities with no plausible explanation of the source of money to fund these activities.
* New possessions, acquisition of money, expensive clothes, drugs or other possessions without plausible explanation about their source.
* Being alienated from family or community.
* Being in care and having placement breakdown.
* Associating with other young people who are known to be victims of exploitation.
* Offending behaviour.

**Push Factors**

**Can you give some examples of push factors associated with Child Sexual Exploitation?**

**1.**

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**3.**

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**5.**

**Examples of Push Factors:**

* Children who have been the victim to physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and emotional abuse.
* Children from households where domestic violence has been a feature.
* Children of parents with a high level of vulnerability – drugs or alcohol abuse, mental illness, learning disability, their own history of an abusive childhood.
* Family breakdown / Disrupted family life / problematic parenting.
* Insecure immigration status.
* Children who have physical or learning impairments.

**Pull Factors**

**Can you give some examples of pull factors associated with Child Sexual Exploitation?**

**1.**

**2.**

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**5.**

**Examples of pull factors:**

* Being liked by someone older.
* Being liked or fancied enough that a stranger asks for their phone number.
* Meeting someone who thinks they are special on the internet.
* Receiving alcohol, drugs, money or gifts.
* Getting a buzz and the excitement of risk taking or forbidden behaviour.
* Being offered somewhere to stay where there are no rules or boundaries.
* Being taken along to adult entertainment venues.
* Being given lifts, taken to new places, and having adventures with a casual acquaintance.