**Risk Factors**

Going Missing – the most immediate indicator of vulnerability to sexual exploitation

Disengagement from education

Drug and Alcohol 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

Some kind of offending behaviour

**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**

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