

Birmingham Child Exploitation Screening Tool Guidance

The Screening Tool must be completed by referrers who have concerns about a child who is being exploited - this may include Child Sexual Exploitation and Criminal Exploitation. The Request for Support Form must also be completed and both documents must be forwarded to Children Advice Support Services (CASS). In addition, professional referrers are asked to ensure they make reference to the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership [Right Help Right Time](https://lscpbirmingham.org.uk/images/BSCP/Professionals/RHRT_December_2021/Right_Help_Right_Time_Guidance_Dec_2021_002.pdf) guidance.

It is critical the Request for Support Form is still completed as this covers the wider concerns, protective factors and any adverse childhood experiences around the child or and the family which are not covered in the Screening Tool. CASS Advisors together with social workers and team managers will use the information contained in both documents to decide the level of risk involved and the relevant support required by the child or young person and family.

It is **very important** you describe the **evidence** you have observed for each risk you have ticked in the summary of evidence boxes following each set of risk indicators. Please provide as much background information as possible to enable Birmingham Children’s Trust to make informed decisions. If the Screening Tool is not fully completed a staff representative from the EMPOWER U Hub will contact you to discuss, to get a fuller picture.

Please remember:

* Young people aged 16 or over can still be exploited and should not be viewed as lower risk due to their age.
* Both males and females can be exploited and should not be viewed as lower risk due to their gender.

Please link the concerns you are raising in the Screening Tool to the relevant section on concerns in the Request for Support Form to provide an overall picture of need. Also think about protective factors that are in place around the child or young person and family reducing the harm related to your concerns. Please also consider the impact on siblings.