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Extra Familial Harm Risk Guidance

The table below is a tool to be used to help practitioners and partners understand what we mean when we use the terms emerging, medium or high risk of Extra Familial Harm. This is not an exhaustive list and the detail below are examples only as each young person and the circumstances that they find themselves in will be unique and must be considered on a child-by-child basis, considering the context, age of child and their needs.

Professionals are requested to be conscious of the differing elements of their own identity and bias and the identity of the children and families they are supporting being particularly mindful of age, gender, ethnicity, learning needs, disability and [adultification](#). In order to do this please use the [social graces](#) tool to help you make an unbiased decision across the range of extra familial harms detailed below.

When considering young people involved in the criminal justice system we need to include children who are high risk of re-offending and/or safety and wellbeing and who present as a risk of serious harm to others.

Ideally a referral and its outcome would be shared in most circumstances with the child involved. Consent from the child is not required as the safeguarding threshold has been reached. At times sharing information and safety plans may place the child at further risk and so a multi-agency decision should be made, recorded and communicated in writing and the best person identified to share information with the child.

EFH considers Care Leavers post their 18th birthday, according to vulnerability and where consent has been given.

| Emerging - The child is at risk of suffering extra-familial harm and would benefit from additional support. There are indications or changes in context that could indicate a threat of harm | | | | | | |
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| Missing | Child Sexual Exploitation | Child Criminal Exploitation/County Lines | Modern Slavery (Human Trafficking) | Gangs and Serious youth Violence | Harmful Sexual Behaviour | Extremism |
| Emerging | Emerging | Emerging | Emerging | Emerging | Emerging | Emerging |
| One-off missing Whereabouts known but not 'authorised' | Experimenting with drugs/alcohol | Experimenting with drugs/alcohol | Indicators of involvement in trades linked to exploitation (e.g. car wash, nail bars, farming etc) | Reports from home/school / peers that involved in a named gang | Single instances of inappropriate sexual behaviour | Shows an emerging interest in ideologies. Changing online Identity |
| Parents proactively reporting and making attempts to return | Low level concerns about health and mental wellbeing | Low level concerns about health and mental wellbeing | Fear of deportation | Use of language in relation to drug dealing/ violence/ gangs | Consent issues may be unclear children of similar age reflective of natural curiosity/ experimentation | Beginning to use extremist language, and accessing extremist propaganda (posters, music etc) Adults espousing extremist views |
| Regularly coming home late or going missing through the day or overnight | Overt sexualised risk taking including on internet | Beginning to be known by police because of peer group and possible links with drug dealing. | Claims to have been in UK for years but hasn't learnt language | Identified in 'hot spot' areas | Inappropriate sexual boundaries in the home, child/yp may have inadvertently accessed adult materials or seen adults naked etc. | |
| | Unaccounted for monies or goods | Missing education – or leaving after registration. | The child/young person may talk about a family holiday abroad and seem anxious about this. | Substance misuse | | |
| | Siblings involved in sexual exploitation | Frequent use of phone / multiple phones/ SIMs | Child/ young person is removed from education, preventing further education or extracurricular activities. | Wearing of a balaclava | | |
| | Associating with unknown adults or other sexually exploited children | Changes in peer group and /or reduced contact with family | | | | |
| | Reduced contact with family/friends | Reports from home/ school/ peers that being coerced | | | | |
| | Sexually transmitted infection | Language of Dealing | | | | |
| | Truancing or excluded from school | Presenting with money or items that they can't account for | | | | |
| | Occasionally missing from home or placement | Unable to give explanations for movements | | | | |
| | Difficult or distrustful relationships with parents and other adults | | | | | |
| | Lack of parental supervision or living in hostel accommodation | | | | | |
| | Seen in CSE "hotspot" areas | | | | | |
| | Early gang involvement | | | | | |

Medium - The child is or is **likely to be suffering extra familial harm** and is causing or likely to cause harm and needs targeted intervention. The harm is taking place in context/locality, or the threat is likely and will impact the child(ren) and/or the community

| Missing | Child Sexual Exploitation | Child Criminal Exploitation County Lines | Modern Slavery Human Trafficking | Gangs and Serious youth Violence | Harmful Sexual Behaviour | Extremism |
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| Medium | Medium | Medium | Medium | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| Missing for more than 24 hours | Getting into cars with unknown adults or known adults who pose a risk to children | Indicators that being coerced, dealing Class A and/or "going country" | Registered at number addresses | Admits to be affiliated to a named gang | Developmental differences | Having more than one online identity. |
| Multiple prolonged missing episodes which are a cause for concern due to location and/or who they are going missing with | Being groomed on internet Clipping (offering sex then running on payment) Disclosure of physical/ sexual assault followed by withdrawal of complaint | Admits to carrying a weapon for self-protection Disclosures of 'running' drugs Found in car with unknown adult YP states threat of harm due to debt owed | Indicators of domestic servitude Appears to be under the control of someone else. Child/young person has few personal belongings, may wear the same clothes (uniform and day clothes) each day. | Appeared in 'gang video' Involved in violent incidents/unexplained injuries 'Brag' about involvement in incidents | Potential concern due to activity type/frequency/duration Exposure to indecent images or is being encouraged into sexualized behaviour. | Changing friends and appearance and ideology Accessing extremist online content |
| Indicators of exploitation | Reports of involvement in CSE, for example known to frequent or seen in 'hot spots' Older boyfriend/girlfriend Staying out overnight with no explanation Unexplained gifts, money or new mobile phone Associates with young people thought to be involved in CSE Speaks of attending parties with possible adult perpetrators Established gang involvement Regular use of substances Frequently missing from home or placement Vulnerable sexual behaviour Weakening links with family and friends Involved in sexual activity in exchange for money/ drugs/alcohol/accommodation Secretive when using mobile phone or internet Increase in level of personal grooming and appearance, new clothes etc | Hospitalisation or GP presentation with minor or unexplained injuries that could relate to exploitations. Frequent missing episodes from home or school and staying out overnight Peer group that includes those known to be at risk of or already experiencing CCE Unaccounted for money and possessions Seen in locations associated with CCE Excessive and secretive mobile phone use Regular use of substances Growing concern about their health and mental wellbeing Known to police as possibly being involved in drug dealing and use of weapons. | Indicators that vulnerable to forced marriage | In receipt of goods / money without explanation Tattoos/ clothes to identify with a specific gang/individual Wearing of balaclava, Uses gang language | | |

High - The child is **suffering abuse** and/or is likely to cause serious harm and needs immediate or intensive work. This abuse is taking place in context/locality. Further abuse is very likely and imminent, the consequences of which will be serious/severe.

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| High | High | High | High | High | High | High |
| <p>Any child who is 12 years old or younger whose whereabouts are unknown</p> <p>Any child deemed vulnerable due to learning &/ or physical disabilities, mental, emotional or physical health problems</p> <p>Any child/ young person who is subject to a Child Protection Plan</p> <p>Any child/ young person who is abducted from care</p> | <p>Pattern of street homelessness and staying with an adult believed to be sexually exploiting them</p> <p>Meeting different adults where sex occurs</p> <p>Multiple miscarriages and terminations</p> <p>Being taken to clubs/hotels/B&B's for sex with adults and/or disclosure of serious physical/sexual assault and then withdrawal of allegation</p> <p>Abduction and/or forced imprisonment</p> <p>Child known to have been bought/sold</p> <p>Indicators of CSE in conjunction with chronic alcohol and drug use</p> <p>Actively involved in recruitment and/or receiving a "reward" for recruiting other peers to CSE</p> <p>Serious emotional or behavioural issues, poor mental health and self-harming</p> <p>Missing for long periods of time, possibly trafficked</p> <p>Estrangement from family and friends</p> <p>Decrease in level of personal grooming and appearance</p> | <p>Arrested in possession of high value drugs and money</p> <p>Found in County trap house/cuckooed house</p> <p>Found with drugs in rectum or vagina.</p> <p>Names individuals at threat of harm from due to debt owed</p> <p>Persistently going missing from home or school and staying out overnight</p> <p>Not in education/excluded</p> <p>Out of parental control</p> <p>Known to associate with older adults or gang members</p> <p>Excessive use of mobile phone and owning more than one</p> <p>Found in areas that they have no connection to or in "cuckooed" premises</p> <p>Dependency on drugs and drug debts</p> <p>Serious concerns about health and mental wellbeing, presence of injuries</p> <p>Known to have been physically or sexually abused</p> <p>Well known to police as being involved in county lines drug dealing and carrying weapons.</p> <p>At risk of violence from County lines drug dealers</p> | <p>Entered country illegally/ unable to confirm how arrived/ no passport</p> <p>Evidence of being exploited into forced labour, trafficked, forced marriage or other exploitation</p> <p>Dropped off and collected from work always in the same way and at unusual times .</p> <p>Missing following placement due to exploitation</p> <p>Appear frightened or withdrawn and may show signs of physical psychological abuse.</p> <p>Domestic incidents or crimes at the family home</p> <p>Forced marriage may only become known years after the marriage has taken place.</p> <p>No access to internet, mobile phone, money.</p> | <p>Recent Incident (GBH kidnap, firearm related)</p> <p>Hospitalised due to violent incident.</p> <p>Threat to life.</p> <p>Identified as an 'elder'</p> <p>Expressions of 'invincibility' or not caring what happens to them.</p> | <p>Physically violent, highly intrusive behaviour.</p> <p>Violence arousing to perpetrator</p> <p>Excessive, secretive, compulsive coercive, degrading or threatening HSB involving significant age, developmental or power differences</p> <p>Concern due to activity type, frequency, duration or the context in which they occur</p> | <p>Being sympathetic and talking knowledgeably about extremist ideologies/groups.</p> <p>Secretive and reluctant to discuss their whereabouts.</p> <p>Joining or trying to join an extremist organisation.</p> |