



Hand in Hand Project
North Yorkshire Referral Form

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| Date : | |
| Professional completing referral: | |
| Agency: | |
| Contact Details: | |
| Is the young person aware of the referral? | YES / NO |
| Has the young person consented to the referral? | YES / NO |
| Is the young person's family/carer aware of the referral? | YES / NO This is not necessary but it will help our work if we are aware whether or not parents have been informed. |

Young Person Details

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|----------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First Name | | Ethnicity | | |
| Middle Name | | Religion | | |
| Last Name | | Known to agencies | YES / NO | |
| Preferred Name | | Agencies known to : | | |
| Dob / Age | | Shared with NYP VAT or VEMT? | VAT | YES / NO |
| | | | VEMT | YES / NO |
| Address | | GP Registered | YES / NO | |

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| | | GP Name & Address | |
| Post code | | Dentist Name & Address | |
| Tel no: | | | |
| Mobile No: | | | |
| Disability, special needs or medical conditions? | | | |
| Education/ Employment details | Please include name of key contact person at place of work or education if you know it | | |
| Social Worker (if applicable) and contact details | | | |

CSE Risk Assessment

Please complete the following risk assessment in as much detail as possible

| Accommodation | |
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| Young person satisfied/meets needs | |
| YP generally satisfied with accommodation | |
| Unstable or unsuitable accommodation. In temporary accommodation YP not satisfied | |
| Looked After/Leaving Care | |
| Homeless | |
| Other accommodation issues | |
| Health | |

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| Physical symptoms (bruising suggestive of either physical or sexual assault) | |
| Chronic fatigue | |
| Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections | |
| Pregnancy and/or seeking an abortion and/or multiple miscarriages | |
| Evidence of drug, alcohol or substance misuse | |
| Sexually risky behaviour | |
| Family Relationships | |
| Significant understanding /good communication | |
| Some understanding and positive communication | |
| Some mutual understanding. Poor communication | |
| Poor negative communication, some warmth | |
| Poor communication, no warmth , attachment or trust | |
| Other relationship issues | |
| Risk to others | |
| No risk to others | |
| Mild concerns about risk /influence on others | |
| Concern re influence on other YP | |
| Concern raised that YP may expose others to risk | |
| Places other persons at risk of CSE or violence (including family members) | |
| Other risk to others issues | |
| Engagement with services | |
| Good engagement | |
| Reasonable engagement/regular contact | |
| Some engagement /occasional contact | |

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| Brief engagement/sporadic contact | |
| Not engaging/No contact | |
| Other engagement issues | |
| Missing | |
| No missing episodes | |
| Stays out late /no missing episodes | |
| Occasionally goes missing | |
| Frequent short periods missing | |
| Frequent prolonged periods missing | |
| Other missing issues | |
| Emotional and Social Issues | |
| Emotional/behavioural concerns | |
| Self-harm | |
| Attempted suicide | |
| Associating with other young people who are known to be sexually exploited and thought to be encouraging/recurring other young people into CSE. | |
| Young person known to be sexually active under legal age limit. | |
| Sexual relationship with a significantly older person | |
| Unexplained relationships with older adults | |
| Possible inappropriate use of the Internet and forming relationships, particularly with unknown adults, via the Internet. Sending/sharing inappropriate photographs to unknown much older persons. Accepting requests for friendships from unknown sources. Being secretive about internet use. Using adult networking sites. | |
| Phone calls, text messages or letters from unknown | |

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| adults | |
| Adults or older youths loitering outside the child's usual place of residence | |
| Associating with other young people who are known to be sexually exploited and thought to be encouraging/recruiting other young people into CSE. | |
| Entering or leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults | |
| Other emotional health issues | |
| Education | |
| Engaged in full time education/employment | |
| Full time education irregular attendance/PRU attendance | |
| Excluded or Poor attendance | |
| Not engaged in education/employment but shows an interest in doing so | |
| Not engaged in education/employment and shows no interest | |
| Other education issues | |
| Alcohol Use | |
| No concern | |
| Some concern | |
| Moderate alcohol use/increasing concern | |
| Alcohol dependency suspected | |
| Dependant upon alcohol | |
| Other alcohol issues | |
| Drug Use | |
| No concern | |
| Some concern of drugs | |
| Concern of drug use | |

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| Suspected dependency on drugs | |
| Drug use disclosed/dependant on drugs | |
| Other drug use issues | |
| Experience of Violence in the past | |
| No records of previous violence | |
| Domestic Abuse to any family member | |
| Peers are violent | |
| Abuse to child within family | |
| Other violence related issues | |

| Sexual Exploitation – Levels of Risk | | |
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| Levels of Risk | Comments | |
| Low Risk | No evidence that child is being sexually exploited. May be some vulnerabilities or behaviours that require intervention e.g. via CAF | |
| Medium Risk | Young person would be vulnerable to exploitation but is not at immediate risk. Support via CAF or Child in Need Plan. | |
| High Risk | Evidence suggests that child is at immediate risk of, or being sexually exploited. Referral to children’s social care and S47 Enquiries. | |
| Assessment of Risk (please make a professional judgment based on your analysis of the information) | | |
| Red/High Risk | Amber/Medium Risk | Green/Low Risk |
| <i>Please use the space below to provide additional information and to summarise your concerns.</i> | | |

Please email this referral to (Karen.Warner@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk and Sarah.Arnott@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk We will contact you on receipt of the referral to acknowledge your request and inform you of timeframes.

Please see attached sheet for information on our service and common risk indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation.



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The Children's Society Hand in Hand Project is a service which provides support to children and young people who are at risk of or involved in Child Sexual Exploitation. We offer one to one intensive support, targeted group work, preventative and awareness sessions in schools and professionals training. We work with both boys and girls. The one to one support we offer is long term and will involve a range of interventions to raise awareness around CSE and Grooming while focusing on the areas of a young person's life which are making them more vulnerable and support to reduce risk taking behaviours.

Below is a list of risk factors and vulnerabilities which are commonly displayed by young people experiencing CSE. However some young people will not display any of these. If you have any concerns regarding any young person please do not hesitate to contact us.

RISK/INDICATORS AND VULNERABILITY FACTORS

The following are typical vulnerabilities in children prior to abuse:

- Living in a chaotic or dysfunctional household (including parental substance use, domestic violence, parental mental health issues, parental criminality).
- History of abuse (including familial child sexual abuse, risk of forced marriage, risk of 'honour'-based violence, physical and emotional abuse and neglect).
- Recent bereavement or loss.
- Gang association either through relatives, peers or intimate relationships (in cases of gang associated CSE only).
- Attending school with young people who are sexually exploited.
- Learning disabilities.
- Unsure about their sexual orientation or unable to disclose sexual orientation to their families.
- Friends with young people who are sexually exploited.
- Homeless.
- Lacking friends from the same age group.

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- Living in a gang neighbourhood.
- Living in residential care.
- Living in hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation or a foyer.
- Low self-esteem or self-confidence.
- Young carer.

The following signs and behaviour are generally seen in children who are already being sexually exploited.

- Missing from home or care.
- Physical injuries.
- Drug or alcohol misuse.
- Involvement in offending.
- Repeat sexually-transmitted infections, pregnancy and terminations.
- Absent from school.
- Change in physical appearance.
- Evidence of sexual bullying and/or vulnerability through the internet and/or social networking sites.
- Estranged from their family.
- Receipt of gifts from unknown sources.
- Recruiting others into exploitative situations.
- Poor mental health.
- Self-harm.
- Thoughts of or attempts at suicide.

Evidence shows that any child displaying several vulnerabilities from the above lists should be considered to be at high risk of sexual exploitation. Professionals should immediately start an investigation to determine the risk, along with preventative and protective action as required.

However, it is important to note that children without pre-existing vulnerabilities can still be sexually exploited. Therefore, any child showing risk indicators in the second list, but none of the vulnerabilities in the first, should also be considered as a potential victim, with appropriate assessment and action put in place as required.

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