The City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership Child Criminal Exploitation (CE) (including Sexual Exploitation) Screening Tool

This is a *screening tool* to be used as *an aid* by practitioners to help them consider the level of risk a child or young person might be at, through thinking about their individual needs via their behaviour and known information. ***IT IS NOT A FULL ASSESSMENT OF RISK*** which would be carried out by Children's Social Care but it can help inform an enquiry to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and any subsequent assessment. (To be used in conjunction with the full guidance)

EMERGING CONCERNS		
Examples of behaviour (examples given are as a guide only)	**Yes/No** (this could be some or all)	**Potential actions and/or considerations to discuss with Designated Child Protection Lead**
Regularly coming home late or going missing	Choose an item.	Consider flagging concern with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub Tel. 01904 551900 or email: mash@york.gov.uk Ensure information is recorded on own agency IT system, flagged at appropriate Child Exploitation risk level. Consider Early Help. • Early Help Assessment Tool • Early Help Assessment Guidance Consider completing North Yorkshire Police 'Partner Information Sharing Form' https://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm and sending to Police Central Referral Unit **NOTES:**
Recent change in peer group / Reduced contact with family/friends / Late night phone/internet contact	Choose an item.	
Posting – or posted - sexualised images or content on the internet	Choose an item.	
Unaccounted for monies or goods e.g. mobile phone and/or credit/ debts	Choose an item.	
Associating with unknown adults, older peers or other young people at risk of criminal exploitation or already criminally exploited	Choose an item.	
Reduced contact with family/friends	Choose an item.	
Experimenting with drugs/alcohol	Choose an item.	
Poor self image, eating disorder, some superficial self-harm	Choose an item.	
Physical injuries that cannot be explained sufficiently	Choose an item.	
Initial offending often in group situations	Choose an item.	
Not mainly engaged in education, employment or training/ Some attendance/behaviour issues/ Poor educational achievement	Choose an item.	

ESCALATING CONCERNS/HARM		
Examples of behaviour (examples given are as a guide only)	**Yes/No** (this could be some or all)	**Potential actions and/or considerations to discuss with Designated Child Protection Lead**
Associating with unknown adults and/or other sexually exploited or missing children/young people. Spending time in areas where known Child Exploitation occurs and/or getting into cars with unknown adults or suspected perpetrators of Child Exploitation	Choose an item.	*If a child or young person is at immediate risk of exploitation or a crime is about to be committed – contact the police on 999.* Consider Early Help. • Early Help Assessment Tool • Early Help Assessment Guidance Consider whether the concerns meet the threshold for a referral into the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub Tel. 01904 551900 or email: mash@york.gov.uk Consider completing North Yorkshire Police 'Partner Information Sharing Form' https://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm and sending to Police Central Referral Unit Where there is a service specific assessment such as ASSETPlus (The Youth Justice Board's assessment and planning framework that youth justice services across England and Wales use) in place this should be updated and the additional information used to inform pre-sentence reports. Ensure risk information is recorded for the child/young person on each agency IT system.
Being groomed on internet. New or expensive possessions which cannot be accounted for. Access to cash/money; spending time in areas where drug activity known to take place or fearful of going to certain areas.	Choose an item.	
'Clipping' i.e., offering to have sex with the intention of robbing the victim, then running before for the purpose of sexual exploitation by adults	Choose an item.	
Disclosure of physical assault with no substantiating evidence followed by withdrawal of complaint	Choose an item.	
Reports of potential involvement in Child Exploitation, such as seen in hot spots, known houses or recruiting grounds	Choose an item.	
Has a significantly older boyfriend/girlfriend	Choose an item.	
Regular use of or recent increase in use of substances /Use of drugs in addition to alcohol/cannabis (e.g. MDMA, cocaine) / Concerns for drug dependency / Associating with known drug dealers / Seen in known areas for selling drugs/ Seen associating with young people who are running and involved in drug lines	Choose an item.	
Significant debts/ scared of members of the community.	Choose an item.	
Sexually transmitted infections	Choose an item.	
Regular self-harming requiring medical assistance	Choose an item.	
Repeat offending / Staying out overnight with no explanation	Choose an item.	
Gang association or membership	Choose an item.	
Evidence of sending or receiving sexualised images of themselves or others	Choose an item.	

Irregular or poor school attendance /Truanting / Losing interest in education/ Periods of exclusion/ Whereabouts during school hours unknown/ Poor educational achievement	Choose an item.	**NOTES:**

SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS/HARM		
Examples of behaviour (examples given are as a guide only)	**Yes/No** (this could be some or all)	**Potential actions and/or considerations to discuss with Designated Child Protection Lead**
Under 13 or young person with a learning disability or special needs (up to age 21) being subject to sexual activity/Repeated pregnancy/miscarriages and/or terminations/Inappropriate/exploitative sexual activity with peers/adults/ Disclosure of being subject to sexual activity with boyfriend/girlfriend's peers/ Others/having knowledge that sex can be exchanged for money and/or goods/Relationship with suspected/known Child Sexual Exploitation perpetrators/ found in areas and/or properties known for Child Sexual Exploitation/street sex work/Evidence or police Intelligence to suggest being moved around for the purpose of sexual exploitation by adults/Being taken to clubs/hotels for the purpose of sexual exploitation by adults or as part of a peer on peer exploitative relationship/Disclosure of sexual assault and then withdrawal of disclosure/statement/ visible injuries/Use of internet to regularly meet in person unknown adults/peers and being subject to sexual activity/Evidence of sexual bullying through social media/internet/Evidence of sexual material being shared online without young person's consent/ Family/friends/peers are known or suspected perpetrators of Child Exploitation/Physical symptoms suggestive of sexual assault	Choose an item.	*If a child or young person is at immediate risk of sexual exploitation or a crime is about to be committed – contact the police on 999* Make a safeguarding referral into Children's Social Care Referral and Assessment Service (https://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person.htm Tel. 01904 551900 or email: mash@york.gov.uk) Consider immediate disruption tactics. Where there is a service specific assessment such as ASSETPlus (The Youth Justice Board's assessment and planning framework that youth justice services across England and Wales use) in place, this should be updated and the additional information used to inform pre-sentence reports. Ensure information is recorded. **NOTES:**
Not in any education, training or employment/Regular breakdown of school placements due to behavioural problems/ Whereabouts during school hours unknown and information suggesting links to Child Sexual Exploitation/County Lines or member of a gang	Choose an item.	
Identifying as a county lines or gang member drug activity/ Abducted and forced imprisonment (described by young person as "locked in")	Choose an item.	

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Evidence of dependency on alcohol/drugs, Using opiates (e.g. heroin, codeine, methadone) / Injecting of any substance / Dealing of substances / Found in areas/properties known for drug activity/ Supply of substances to others / Child Sexual Exploitation activity for paying off debts e.g. drug debt/ known to be actively involved in networks that run drug lines	Choose an item.	
Abduction and forced imprisonment	Choose an item.	
Being bought/sold/trafficked. Homeless or sofa surfing / often stays elsewhere. Lack of relationship/understanding or trust/ parent is unavailable physically or emotionally	Choose an item.	
Significant intelligence indications. Charged or convicted of robbery/use of offensive weapon/ possessions of large quantities of drugs. Known to be active with drug distribution networks and lines. Recruiting other to run drug lines and to organised crime. Withdrawing witness statements and suspected intimidation	Choose an item.	
Chronic low self-esteem. Changes or extremes in mental health / suicidal ideation . Evidence of emotional abuse from domestic violence, as witness or victim. Evidence of self-harm, eating disorders, previous suicide attempts or overdoses. Frequent attendance at A&E.	Choose an item.	