

Risk Matrix Checklist for Child Sexual Exploitation

- Please indicate all levels of risk (Green=Low, Amber=Medium, Red=High) and note if there are on-going patterns or recurring incidences which should be reviewed.
- This assessment tool should be complete by professionals and not with children and young people.
- The risk assessment should be revised regularly, monthly for high risk cases and every time there is a change in circumstances or new information. Other risk assessments should be reviewed every three months. Risk indicators change regularly and the risk needs to be monitored. All completed risk assessments should be saved in the child/young persons file.
- All medium and high risk cases should be referred to Lambeth Children Services for further consideration.
- All high risk cases will be referred for a CSE Strategy Meeting and be considered at MASE (Multi Agency Sexual exploitation Meeting).
- Scoring: professionals should be aware it is a combination of identified risk factors that can indicate sexual exploitation.
- **Any sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 years is a statutory crime and should be the subject of a section 47 strategy meeting.**

Levels of Risk	Comments
Category 0 (no identified risk	No identified risk of CSE at time of screening
Category 1 (At low Risk)	A vulnerable child who is at risk of being targeted and groomed for sexual exploitation;
Category 2 (Medium Risk):	A child who is targeted for opportunistic abuse through the exchange of sex for drugs, accommodation (over night stays) and goods, etc. The likelihood of coercion and control is significant; A combination of Low risk indicators and at least 2/3 indicators from the Medium risk factors
Category 3 (High Risk):	A child whose sexual exploitation is habitual, often self defined and were coercion / control is implicit. A combination of any of the factors from Low and Medium and any of the High Risk factors.

Name:

Date of birth:

Gender:

Date of Risk Assessment:

Assessed level of risk:

Completed by:

Agency:

Health	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
1. Chronic Fatigue		
2. Known to have a learning difficulty/ behavioural problems		
3. Symptoms of psychological or emotional trauma such as self harm or eating disorder		
4. Evidence of drug or alcohol <u>abuse</u>		
5. Physical symptoms of exploitative abuse (bruising etc)		
6. Multiple Pregnancies or seeking a termination		
7. Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections		
8. Disclosed incidents of rape/sexual assault which were then retracted.		
Education	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
9. Truancy or disengagement with education or a noted change in performance		
10. Rumours that child is sexually active with multiple pupils in school		
11. Displaying sexualised behaviours with peers		
12. Regular breakdown of school placement due to behavioural problems		
13. Non school attender or excluded		
Emotional & Behavioural development	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
14. Volatile behaviour exhibiting extreme array of mood swings or use of abusive language		
15. Attachment to mobile phone or laptop		
16. Secretive behaviours		
17. Unknown 'friends' on social networking sites such as Facebook		
18. Indications of cyber-bullying		
19. Evidence of visits to adult websites (pornographic) or adult social networking sites		
20. Persistent texting or checking mobile phone for text messages, emails, messages on social networking sites		
21. Getting involved in criminal activities or are associating with known gangs		
22. Entering or leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults (obtain car details where possible and details of occupants, description of vehicle etc)		
23. Known to associate with other young people thought to be at risk of sexual exploitation		
24. Offending behaviour		
25. Known to be frequenting hotels with unknown others/attending sex parties		
26. Evidence of indecent images on phone or laptop		
27. Involved in escorting or web sex adult sites		

28. Abduction or forced imprisonment		
29. Trafficked into country or disappearing from system		
30. Being moved around the country for sexual activity		
31. Child receiving money or material goods for sex		
Identity	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
32. Low self image, low self esteem, self harming, promiscuity		
Family & Social Relationships	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
33. Child is Looked after by local Authority		
34. Hostility in relationship with parents / carers / care home staff and other family members		
35. Detachment from normal age appropriate activities		
36. Placement breakdown if looked after		
37. Adults or older peers loitering outside the usual place of residence		
38. Associating with other young people suspected of being gang members		
39. Physical aggression towards parents, siblings, extended family, pets, teachers or peers		
40. Young person known to be sexually active (seeking contraception, evidence of condoms, disclosures from the young person)		
41. Unexplained relationships with older adults		
42. Unexplained attachment to a new neighbourhood or area, possibly in an area known to be used for sexual exploitation or prostitution (or for young men, seen at parks or public toilets known for sexual activity between males or in or outside gay bars, clubs or saunas)		
43. Persistently missing, staying out overnight or returning late with no plausible explanation		
44. Returning after being missing looking well cared for in spite of not knowing where the young person was		
45. Older boyfriend, 5 years +		
46. Young person under the age of 13 years is known to be sexually active.		
47. Sexual relationship with an older person – judgement needed on age difference		
48. Reports from reliable sources suggesting the likelihood of the young person being sexually exploited (parents / carers, friends, teachers or other professionals with regular contact with the young person), perhaps with other young people who may themselves have been victims		
49. Missing and being found in an area unknown to the young person (including hotels / guest houses)		
Social Presentation	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
50. Sudden change in appearance including change of hairstyle, wearing more make up, wearing revealing clothing, wearing clothing that covers them up, wearing gang colours etc		
51. Making efforts to look older or younger		

Family History	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
52. Parental substance or alcohol abuse		
53. Parental learning difficulties		
54. History of physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect		
55. Known to services such as social care, police, health etc		
56. Dysfunctional family background		
57. Domestic violence / anti social behaviour		
Housing	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
58. Patterns or homelessness or unsuitable accommodation		
59. Having keys to premises other than those where normally resident		
60. Staying with an adult thought to be sexually exploiting them		
61. Street homeless		
Income	Yes- please state if historic	Suspicion
62. Possession of large amounts of money with no plausible income		
63. Acquisition of new clothes, trainers, jewellery or gifts without any plausible explanation		
64. Acquisition of new mobile phone or laptop without any plausible explanation, multiple SIM cards/Phones		
65. Young person is known to have access to 'free takeaway food' from takeaways		
66. Young person has unlimited access to free cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, phone credit		
67. Young person has access to social activities without any plausible explanation how these are being funded (i.e. visiting nightclubs and bars)		
68. Known to be accepting money for sexual activity.		

Summary of concerns:

1. Assessed level of risk from screening tool:
2. Summary of risk factors with details:
3. What is the parent and child's view of the concerns and what do they think will help?
4. Complicating Factors - factors which make the situation more difficult to resolve e.g. substance misuse,

learning difficulties mental health, new diagnosis of illness

5. What is working well? (existing strengths, existing safety protection)

6. What are we worried about? (past harm to children/young people)

7. Analysis of risk and future danger:

8. Scaling of Strengths in the family to keep child/young person safe: (1= very low strength in the family to keep safe from CSE, 10= high levels of strength within the family to keep the child safe from CSE)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10