**Care Leaver Risk Assessment**

 **Professional Assessment of Young Person’s Risk of Exploitation**

**Name of Young Person Age/DOB:**

**Address:**

**Which Local Authority has responsibility for this young person?**

* **Name of allocated leaving care worker, if known:**
* **Name of other professionals and title if known:**
* **Contact details:**

**Has this young person previously been at risk of exploitation was a Risk Assessment undertaken?**

**Does the young person have any disabilities?**

**Does the young person have any diagnosed mental health needs**?

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| Additional Guidance for Leaving Care WorkersThis form is an exploitation risk assessment covering indicators of harm for care leavers over the age of 18 years. You should review any high or medium assessments with your line manager to safety plan at the right risk level. There should be consideration to refer to the monthly Leaving Care Safety Panel. However, this should not mean the VARM process is not followed, where VARM threshold is met i.e. if there are significant risks to the young person or public. Identified significant risks should be discussed with your line manager and a VARM meeting should be held without delay. [Derbyshire VARM](https://www.derbyshiresab.org.uk/professionals/vulnerable-adult-risk-management.aspx) The [DDSCP Children at Risk of Exploitation (CRE) Tool Kit](https://www.proceduresonline.com/derbyshire/scbs/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/City-and-County-CRE-Risk-Assessment-Toolkit%20-%20FINAL%20SEP%202020.pdf) offers guidance on risk levels which can be applied to children leaving care. Care leavers have additional vulnerabilities when assessing exploitation: you should consider: * Long term compromised maturity/ capacity
* Mental health factors, including anxiety and depression
* Autistic Spectrum Disorder
* ADHD
* Having no support network other than professionals.
* Poor engagement with professionals and/or unresolved family conflict.
* Previously linked to pre 18 CSE and CRE concerns.
* History of criminality/anti-social behaviour (and/or family or personally).
* Open to YOT/probation with vulnerabilities being part of offending.
* Recently released from prison
* Recently left residential care.
* Impressionable/easily trusting/easily intimidated by adults of concern.

*It is best practice to complete this form with the young person but this may not always be possible. Any areas of disagreement can be recorded but it will be the final decision of the lead leaving care worker and their line manager when scoring indictors***.** |

**Section 1: Risk Indicators**

**CE – criminal exploitation**

**SE – sexual exploitation**

| **Indicators**  | **CE** | **SE** | **Risk****L/M/H** |
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| Concern re: online activity for example dating, scams, revenge pornography and cybercrime |       |       |       |
| Being abused on or offline by a person of concern |       |       |       |
| Regular loss of communication with workers and whereabouts unknown for large time periods. |       |       |       |
| Change/reduced contact with family and friends and other support networks |       |       |       |
| New concerns around increased use of drugs and alcohol. Referring to using drugs frequently, use of street names for drugs. |       |       |       |
| Changes in mood, increased agitation and paranoia |       |       |       |
| Noticeable change of self-image/appearance or dress/ deterioration of personal hygiene |       |       |       |
| Peer on peer abuse, including sexualised bullying |       |       |       |
| Reported frequent unknown visitors to the property |       |       |       |
| Secrecy around relationships, friendships and whereabouts |       |       |       |
| No secure place to live, such as no fixed abode, transient lifestyle, homelessness, unstable sofa surfing, regular tenancy breakdowns  |       |       |       |
| Concerns that property belonging to the young person is used for exploitation purposes, such as their home. This is known as cuckooing.  |       |       |       |
| Going missing or moving without warning  |       |       |       |
| Going to unsafe places i.e. known houses or places identified as a risk |       |       |       |
| Being collected / dropped off in unknown cars and access to new vehicles  |       |       |       |
| Associating with peers with a known risk of exploitation |       |       |       |
| Arranging to meet for sexual activity for money or gain |       |       |       |
| Making and then withdrawing a complaint/s – partial disclosures |       |       |       |
| Unexplained injuries |       |       |       |
| Coerced into sexual activity / Evidence of grooming  |       |       |       |
| Isolation/ low self-esteemImpressionable/easily trusting/easily intimidated |  |  |  |
| Unaccounted for money or goods including mobile phones, drugs and alcohol |       |       |       |
| Multiple phones and telephone numbers |       |       |       |
| Increased interest in making money or need for money |       |       |       |
| Increase in frequency/ severity of self-harming incidents |       |       |       |
| Offending e.g. violence, theft and drug dealing |       |       |       |
| Gang member or association with gangs or extremist thinking including ‘normalisation’ of gang violence and criminality. Consideration to be given to:* Graffiti style ‘tags’ on possessions
* Starting to adopt certain types of groups behaviours e.g. ways of talking, hand signs and abbreviated text
* New nicknames
* Use of new language, new terms, such as “Trap House”
 |       |       |       |
| Abduction and forced imprisonment |       |       |       |
| Indicators of modern slavery/trafficking |       |       |       |
| Concerns around multiple miscarriages or terminations/presenting for pregnancy or sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, with no obvious relationship. |       |       |       |
| Carrying weapons/feeling the need for protection |       |       |       |
| Forced marriage or marriage of convenience or preparations for such |       |       |       |
| Suspected Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or known culture of this within the family |       |       |       |
| Radicalisation or extremism including views and language |       |       |       |
| Requests for additional monies soon after being paid, including multiple DDF requests and emergency payments by leaving care  |       |       |       |

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| **Offender/Location/Environments of Concern** - give as much information as possible about those locations, environments and persons who pose a risk to the young person |
| **Locations:**      **Environments:**      **Person/s who pose a risk:**      **Other:** e.g. does young person pose a risk to themselves?       |

**Section 2: Cultural, Identity or Additional Vulnerability Factors**

In this section please note the current concerns and consider in your commentary whether the young person is at risk as a result of these factors. The information should be recorded in a clear and concise manner, using young person friendly language.

| **Factors** | **Historic** | **Current** | **Commentary** |
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| Some form of family conflict / break down of relationships |       |       |       |
| Witnessing or experiencing abuse and / or neglect |       |       |       |
| Emotional or mental health issues of child, parent or carer |       |       |       |
| Subjected to discrimination i.e. homophobia / racism |       |       |       |
| Criminality within family |       |       |       |
| Death or loss or illness of a significant person |       |       |       |
| Financially unsupported |       |       |       |
| Lack of love and security |       |       |       |
| New arrival / refugee / asylum seeker |       |       |       |

**Other Important Information**

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## Section 3: Risk Assessment Analysis and Summary

**Immediate concerns and actions to safeguard the young person:**

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| **Action** | **Responsible** | **Timescale** |
|       |       |       |
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**Action already taken against person/s or places of risk**

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**Protective Factors/Resilience/Strengths of young person**

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**Contextual Safeguarding Analysis (Are there other impacts of this abuse i.e. bullying / isolation / stigma). Consider the safety aspects for the young person outside of their home and their general safety.**

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| **Are there any barriers to engagement with professionals?** |       |
| **Are there any risks to practitioners?** |       |

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| **Summary of Risk Indicators**  |
| Level of Risk (low / medium / high):  |       |
| What is the primary risk / type of exploitation? |       |
| Have you completed a mapping exercise? |       |
| Is the young person aware of the concerns you have raised in this exploitation risk assessment? |       |
| Has an Operation Liberty Form been considered? |       |
| Has a referral been made to the safety panel? |       date       |
| Has a referral been made to adult social care? |       date       |
| Does this young person meet threshold for a VARM Meeting? |        |

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| **Date of Exploitation Risk Assessment completed:** |       |

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| **Name of Practitioner completing Exploitation Risk Assessment:** |       | **Date:** |       |
| **Agency and Contact Details:** |       |