**Child Sexual Exploitation Risk Questionnaire (CSERQ4)**

CSERQ4 was designed by the National Safeguarding Team of NHS Wales to help health care professionals identify children at risk of sexual exploitation and act on their concerns. It was developed from an initial longer set of questions using analysis to pick out the strongest predicting questions.

Children <13 years of age cannot legally consent to sexual activity. Note – children and young people who are sexually exploited may not recognise that they are being abused.

We recommend completing CSERQ4 if a child presents for any of the following:

* Contraception/ STI testing/ treatment/ pregnancy testing
* Pregnancy
* Drug/ alcohol problems/ overdose
* Self-harm
* Disclosure of sexual assault/ sexual activity that raises concern
* Domestic abuse at home

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Consider introducing the questions with a statement like, *"I want to ask you some questions to check you are safe and no one is harming you or pressurising you to have sex."*

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|  | **CSER 4 Questions**  | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Have you ever stayed out overnight or longer without permission from your parent(s) or guardian? |  |  |
| 2 | How old is your boyfriend/ girlfriend or the person(s) you have sex with?Age of partner \_\_\_\_\_\_ Age of client/patient \_\_\_\_\_\_ Age difference \_\_\_\_\_\_If age difference is 4 or more years then tick ‘YES’ |  |  |
| 3 | Does your boyfriend/ girlfriend or the person(s) you have sex with stop you from doing things you want to do? |  |  |
| 4 | Thinking about where you go to hang out, or to have sex. Do you feel unsafe there or are your parent(s) or guardian worried about your safety? |  |  |

We suggest if a child answers ‘yes’ to any of these questions they are at risk of or are experiencing child sexual exploitation and they should be referred urgently to Children’s Social Care through the usual route. Consider the context and frequency if answering yes to Q1.

The full Derby and Derbyshire Child at Risk of Exploitation (CRE) Risk Assessment Toolkit can be found [here](https://www.proceduresonline.com/derbyshire/scbs/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/City-and-County-CRE-Risk-Assessment-Toolkit%20-%20FINAL%20SEP%202020.pdf) – the risk assessment form can be downloaded from the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership online documents library [here](https://www.proceduresonline.com/derbyshire/scbs/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/CRE-Risk-Assessment-FINAL%20SEP%202020.docx) under assessment tools. The Derby and Derbyshire Threshold Document can be found [here](https://www.proceduresonline.com/derbyshire/scbs/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/Threshold%20Document%20FINAL%20December%202019.pdf).

The [**Stop It Now Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool**](https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-persons-sexual-behaviour/how-to-tell-if-a-childs-sexual-behaviour-is-age-appropriate/) is a useful approach for practitioners to understand whether a particular sexual behaviour is normal, problematic or harmful. **Lucy Faithful also do a Preventing harmful sexual behaviour**[**toolkit**](https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Stop_It_Now_harmful_sexual_behaviour_prevention_toolkit_Oct_2020.pdf) **for parents, carers and professionals**

Also consider liaison with school if you have concerns about a vulnerable child.