

App 5.29: Prompts for Workers Coming into Contact with Sexually Active under 18s

To be used in conjunction with protocol and relevant child protection guidance issued by your organisation:

Context	1. General (Reasonable level of trust established with the child / young person; you have confidence that they will be either returning to you for support/treatment, or that you can maintain contact with them after the face to face contact has ended)	
	For all children and young people	In addition, for those under 16
Initial prompts for workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Information • Health, social and sexual health history • Do they understand the concept of informed consent? • Is there informed consent between partners? • In seeing the young person, is there anything untoward that gives you cause for concern? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are they Fraser competent?
Issues to clarify if uncertain or concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who does the young person live with, is this a risk? • Is there any concern about lifestyle issues (e.g. domestic abuse, alcohol or substance abuse etc) • Is there any sign of alcohol or substance misuse relating to the sexual activity? • Is the young person telling you information that you know to be false because of prior knowledge • Are they still in touch with their peers • Does the young person or their partner have a Social Worker or a Connexions Personal Advisor? • Is the other partner present? If so, try to see the young person on their own • If not, are they willing to give details of their partner? • Any age differential • The relationship (e.g. family, or Position of Trust, such as teacher, youth worker etc.) 	<p>Is the child / young person attending school?</p> <p>If they are under 13, or if you have concerns re a young person 13-16, you must ensure that you have discussed it with your manager and Safeguarding lead professional in your organisation. Any decision should be agreed by your line manager, and the relevant Nominated Safeguarding lead, and records kept of agreed decisions.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there any evidence of coercion? What makes it coercive? • Any evidence of gifts used as incentive to secure consent or secrecy? • Any evidence of violence, threats, or attempts to gain secrecy? • Any evidence of self-harm? • Where did/do they meet? (e.g. internet) • Is there anything else leading to a risk of significant harm 	
	2. Opportunistic (No significant trust established, or likely to be a one-off contact with child / young person, or you are uncertain if you will see them again)	
Initial prompts for workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Information • Maturity of the young person for their age 	
Issues to clarify if uncertain or concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are they Fraser competent? • In seeing the young person, is there anything that gives you cause for concern including their age? • Are any peers present? • Are they willing to give personal details? • Do they understand the concept of consent? • Lifestyle issues (e.g. domestic abuse, drug or alcohol abuse etc.) • Does the young person or their partner have a Social Worker or a Connexions Personal Advisor? • Is there any sign of alcohol or substance misuse relating to the sexual activity? • Any evidence of violence, threats, or attempts to gain secrecy? • Is there anything else leading to a risk of significant harm? • Any evidence of self-harm? 	