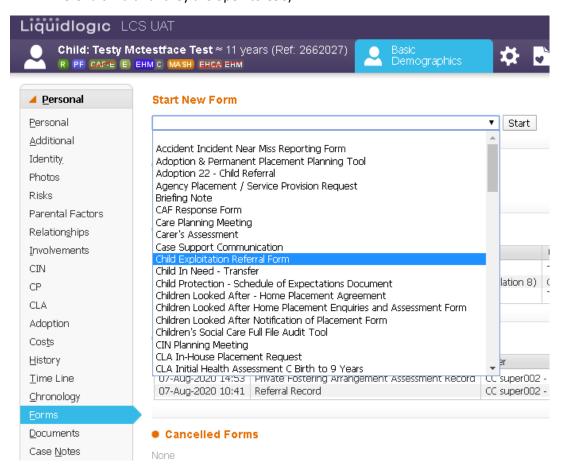
## **Referring into Complex Safeguarding Team**

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September Locality Social workers can complete a Child Exploitation Referral form on LCS in order to request a Complex Safeguarding assessment and support from the team.

Where MASH identify complex safeguarding concerns within a new referral, a Child Exploitation Referral form will be completed alongside the allocation of the C&F assessment.

## Please note -

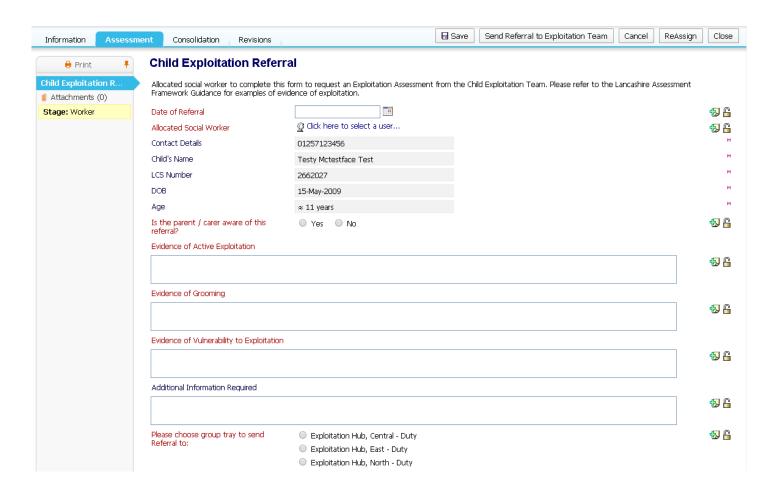
- The 'allocated social worker' should be completed with the name of the referrer in MASH
- The CE referral can only be initiated after the referral to locality has been completed (cannot refer a child until they are open to CSC)



The referral form will request the following information;

- Date of Referral
- Allocated social worker (or name of worker completing the form if ASW not yet identified)
- Is the parent/carer aware of the referral? Yes / No
- Evidence of active exploitation
- Evidence of grooming
- Evidence of vulnerability to exploitation
- Which area are you referring to? East, North or Central

Once these fields are completed the 'Send Referral to Exploitation Team' button can be selected.



Practice Managers in the Complex Safeguarding team will review the referral within 24 hours and either;

- accept the referral, allocated a Complex Safeguarding Social Worker and an assessment meeting, including partners when necessary (physical or virtual), will be convened to coordinate action planning, joint visits and assessments
- request further information from the referrer
- decline the referral and discuss their rationale with the locality team within 24 hours of receipt

For further details regarding the offer and procedures of the Complex Safeguarding team please refer to the <u>Complex Safeguarding Procedures</u>