

Serious Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation Contextual Risk Assessment and Management Tool

Name/Role of Person(s) Completing this Assessment			
Date form completed		Children's Social Care involvement (Yes / No / Previous)	
Child or young person's name		YJS Involvement (Yes / No / Previous)	
Gender		Known to Police (Yes / No)	
DOB & AGE		CAMHS (Yes / No / Previous)	
Ethnicity		Education Placement (Name of School)	
Mosaic Reference		Current Attendance (%)	
Legal Status (i.e. S17, S47 CP Plan, S31, Targeted services)		SEND (Yes/No - identify)	
Home Address (Address / Postcode)		Alcohol Misuse (Yes/No, Suspected)	
Accommodation Type (i.e. Home, Residential, Foster Care, Friends & Family, Supported Lodgings)		Substance Misuse (List any known drugs used)	
RISK CATEGORIES For each risk category, tick the relevant box that best matches the information known for overall risk level for that category			
1. Running Away / Going Missing from Home, School or Care	STRENGTH	No missing episodes / Occasional absence but no risk concerns	
	EMERGING	Regularly coming home late / Absent without permission / Returning late to care home / Absent from school /Whereabouts often unknown	
	MODERATE	staying out overnight without permission / frequent episodes of running away, MFH, missing from placement / Looking well cared for despite having no known base? / Regular breakdowns of placement due to behavioural problems/ Parents not reporting child missing	
	HIGH	Persistently running away, going Missing from Home or placement / Pattern of street homelessness /Whereabouts often unknown or of significant concern, talks about and/or known to travel to different areas or cities. Are they open to the Multiple Missing and Hotspots mtg?	
	Multi-agency evidence (Times missing? Where do they go? Why do they go? Is parent/carer aware of missing episodes / whereabouts?)		

2. Coercion / Control (evidence/concerns of manipulation/grooming leading to exploitation)	STRENGTH	Engaged in positive activities and has age appropriate and positive peers. Parent/carer is aware of peer group Has a good understanding of exploitative behaviour and can use it to keep themselves safe	
	EMERGING	Recent change in peer group / Reduced contact with family/friends / Late night phone/internet contact Some understanding of exploitative behaviour Able to somewhat apply knowledge to keep themselves safe	
	MODERATE	Secretive about having a mobile phone or more than one / Extensive use of mobile phone/internet /Late night phone/internet contact / Limited contact with family/friends / Can recognise risks but unable to apply to themselves to keep safe	
	HIGH	Secretive about having a mobile phone/more than one / Disclosure of or police intelligence regard physical/sexual assault followed by withdrawn allegation/reluctant to report / No contact with family/friends / Disappear from system (no contact with support systems)/ Disclosure of or police intelligence relating to county lines/gang activity involvement or links, talks about having drug debts and an urgent need for money. Family report hostile acquaintances coming to the door or telephoning/messaging and making threats. No recognition by parents/carers of child of understanding of exploitative behaviour / Unable to keep themselves safe	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Evidence of young person being groomed/manipulated by individual/s or group? Evidence of young person being transported, or transport facilitated (i.e. by taxi, train, car) for the purposes of criminal exploitation? Evidence of young person's understanding of grooming/controlling/coercive behaviour for the purposes of exploitation? What services is the young person known to?)</i>		
3. Contact with Abusive Persons and/or Risky Environments	STRENGTH	No known association with adults or peers involved in criminal, risky or exploitative behaviours	
	EMERGING	Some association with unknown adults and/or other sexually exploited children and/or missing children / Some association with manipulative peers/ Some association with gang and county lines involved adults or peers	
	MODERATE	Associating with unknown adults and/or other criminally exploited children/young people and/or missing children /Information and Police Intelligence suggesting involvement in criminal exploitation / Associating with possible county lines or gang members/ Getting into cars with unknown adults or suspected perpetrators of CCE / New or expensive possessions which cannot be accounted for / Access to cash/money, spending time in areas where drug activity known to take place or fearful of going to certain areas.	
	HIGH	Identifying as a county lines or gang member / Found in areas/properties known for CSE/CCE/street sex work/drug activity/ Evidence or Police Intelligence to suggest being moved around for criminal activity / Abducted and forced imprisonment (described by young person as "locked in")	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Names of suspected abusive adults? Places/communities where abusive contact is taking place? Peers/suspected peers involved in criminal exploitation including age range? Intelligence from Police?)</i>		

4. Alcohol and Drugs Misuse	STRENGTH	No concerns / Minimal use drugs or alcohol but deemed to be age appropriate	
	EMERGING	Experimenting with alcohol/cannabis / Associating with young people known to use substances regularly	
	MODERATE	Regular use of or recent increase in use of substances / Use of drugs in addition to alcohol/cannabis (e.g. MDMA, cocaine) / Concerns for drug dependency / Associating with known drug dealers / Seen in known areas for selling drugs/ Seen associating with young people who are running and involved in drug lines	
	HIGH	Evidence of dependency on alcohol/drugs / Using opiates (e.g. heroin, codeine, methadone) / Injecting of any substance / Dealing of substances / Found in areas/properties known for drug activity/ Supply of substances to others / CSE/CCE activity for paying off debts e.g. drug debt/ known to be actively involved in networks that run drug lines	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Where do they use substances? How do they fund it? Who with? Type / class of substance? Concerns around peer influences?)</i>		
5. Education, Training & Employment	STRENGTH	Engaged / re-engaged in education or training, or in work or actively seeking employment	
	EMERGING	Mainly engaged in education, employment or training/ Some attendance/behaviour issues/ Poor educational achievement	
	MODERATE	Irregular/poor attendance / Truancy from school / Losing interest in education / Periods of exclusion(s) / Whereabouts during school hours unknown/ Poor educational achievement	
	HIGH	Not in Education, training or employment / Regular breakdown of school placements due to behavioural problems/ Whereabouts during school hours unknown and information suggesting links to CSE/County Lines or Gangs/ Poor educational achievement	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Any current or previous prosecution for school attendance? What services are involved with improving school attendance? What is their attendance? Any change in attendance? Any change in attitude to attending education?)</i>		
	STRENGTH	No/minimal concerns around phone usage / Some understanding of online safety and able to apply knowledge to keep themselves safe	

6. Use of social media/technology	EMERGING	Talking to/communication with unknown adults/peers via the internet / Lack of awareness of online safety (young people and parents/carers)	
	MODERATE	Use of internet for being groomed for criminal exploitation/ Meeting in person, adults or peers following contact via social media/Concerns young person may be being groomed / Extensive/secretive use of internet	
	HIGH	Use of internet to regularly meet in person unknown adults/peers for exploitative purposes / Evidence of bullying through social media/internet/Use of internet to facilitate transport for the purposes of exploitation	
	Multi-agency evidence (What APPs/Social media sites are accessed?)		
7. Sexual Health / Sexualised Behaviour	STRENGTH	No concerns re: sexual health Is sexually active and in an equal consensual relationship with an age appropriate peer.	
	EMERGING	Sexually transmitted infections (STI's) / Access to and engagement with sexual health services	
	MODERATE	Multiple / untreated sexually transmitted infections (STI's) /Inappropriate sexual activity with peers or adults / Information from peers and/or community highlighting concerning sexual activity / Frequent use of emergency contraception	
	HIGH	Repeated pregnancy/miscarriages and/or terminations / Inappropriate/exploitative or abusive sexual activity with peers/adults / Disclosure of sexual activity with boyfriend/girlfriend's peers/ Others having knowledge that sex can be exchanged for money and/or goods / Relationship with suspected/known CSE perpetrators	
Multi-agency evidence			
8. Emotional & Physical Health	STRENGTH	No known physical, self-harm or mental health needs identified / Some physical and mental health concerns and attending appointments Increased need to access health appointments/ Targeted health services support accessed and parent engaging	
	EMERGING	Low self-esteem / Some or reduced concerns of self-harm and/or eating disorders / Difficulty in making or maintaining friendships with peers	

	MODERATE	Low self-esteem impacting upon young person's mental health / Increased concerns of self-harm / Violent/emotional outbursts or bullying or threatening behaviour / Offending behaviour / Difficulty in making or maintaining friendships with peers/ Concerns young person may be exposed to violence / Increased need to access health appointments / Sporadically accessing support services – parent/carer not fully engaged	
	HIGH	Chronic low self-esteem / Changes or extremes in mental health / Suicidal ideation / Evidence of emotional abuse from domestic violence, as witness or victim / Evidence of self-harm, eating disorders, previous suicide attempts or overdoses / Frequent attendance at A&E / Physical symptoms suggestive of sexual physical assault / Hospital attendance for physical or unexplained injuries / Decline or significant change in physical and mental health and wellbeing	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Evidence of self-harm and mental health? Services being offered? Evidence of A&E attendance for knife crime/drug related harm?)</i>		
9. Accommodation and family relationships	STRENGTH	Satisfied with accommodation & meets young person's needs Positive relationships and good communication Age appropriate boundaries & routines set by parents/carer's & adhered to.	
	EMERGING	Accommodation generally meets needs of young person/ Support available from family/parent/carer / Communication within home environment is good/ known peers/older sibling involved in drug distribution/county lines/gangs	
	MODERATE	Overcrowding / Living with other young people who are considered to be at risk of CCE / Evidence of decline in relationship and/or communication with family/parent/carer, known peers/older siblings who are suspect to have county lines debts	
	HIGH	Homeless or sofa surfing / Young person often stays elsewhere/ Lack of relationship/understanding or trust / Family/friends/peers are known or suspected perpetrators/victims of CSE/CCE	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(Any financial difficulties? Any known / suspected domestic abuse? Any recent deaths in the family?)</i>		
10. Offending/Weapons/ Criminal Activity	STRENGTH	No intelligence or offending concerns / No criminal recent activity or offending behaviour which is indicative of serious risk to self or others	
	EMERGING	Coming to the attention of the police/ Concerns about being involved with offending peers or associates/ being in possession of cannabis/ Talked about or considered carrying a weapon	
	MODERATE	Known to be involved in drug related offending/ Police intelligence indicating/ Arrested by the police/charged/ investigated for offences of possession of offensive weapon/ Possession of drugs/ Theft. Known to be connected with drug distribution networks and lines	

	HIGH	Significant intelligence indicating/Charged or convicted of Robbery/Use of offensive weapon/ possessions of large quantities of drugs/ Known to be active with drug distribution networks and lines/ recruiting other to run drug lines and to organised crime/ Witness withdrawing statements and suspecting intimidation	
	Multi-agency evidence (Details of arrests/offences (liaise with YJS and/or Police). Any pattern to those arrests/offences and have they increased recently? Have they witnessed an offence or been a victim of knife crime?)		
11. Community/Social Isolation Factors	STRENGTH	No issues or concerns regarding social isolation. Appropriately connected with peers and responsible adults.	
	EMERGING	Is the young person vulnerable to or experiencing low levels of social isolation that may be exacerbated as a result of Deprivation (including a perceived inability or reluctance to access more mainstream support)/ their Ethnicity/ cultural background/cultural dissonance/ being a Child Looked After/ identifying as Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay or Transgender (LBGT)/ their Special Educational Needs (SEND)/ Poor educational achievement or other factors. Some protective community factors present and support evident.	
	MODERATE	Is the young person experiencing moderate levels of social isolation that may be exacerbated by Deprivation/ their Ethnicity/ cultural background/ cultural conflict, being a Child Looked After/ identifying as Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay or Transgender (LBGT)/ their Special Educational Needs (SEND)/ Poor educational achievement or other factors? Some community protective factors are present but the young person is reluctant to access them. Starting to socialise with or take an interest in pro-offending groups. Aspires to be part of a local gang or anti-social group.	
	HIGH	Is the young person experiencing high levels of social isolation that may be exacerbated by deprivation (including being part of an inward-looking community)/ their Ethnicity/ cultural background/ cultural conflict/ being a Child Looked After/ identifying as Lesbian/ Bisexual, Gay or Transgender (LBGT)/ their Special Educational Needs (SEND)/ Poor educational achievement or other factors? Are they being targeted by groups or individuals due to their vulnerability? Are they seeking inclusion/recognition from pro-offending peers or communities? Lack of community protective factors or disengagement by young person. Known to be an active participant in a local gang or anti-social group.	
	Multi-agency evidence		
12. Family/Carers ability to Safeguard	STRENGTH	Parent's/carer's recognises risks and will report young person as missing. / Has a good knowledge of exploitation and aware of young person's social media activity and undertakes an active protective factor role in the young person's life	
	EMERGING	Parent's/carer's will mostly report young person as missing, Parent/carer is engaging or asking for support from services to support them to protect the young person from criminal exploitation.	
	MODERATE	Lack of parental supervision or interest in the young person/ Parent/carer needs to be prompted to report young person as missing and/or has limited understanding of exploitation/ young person's social media activity.	
	HIGH	Parent is unavailable to them physically or emotionally / Parent/carer fails to report young person as missing and struggles to understand the risk around missing and exploitation. Sporadic or limited engagement with services and breakdown in relationship with young person.	

		Parent/carer doesn't have knowledge of exploitation or young person's social media activity. Parent/carer fails to report young person as missing and to recognise the risk of missing episodes. Disengagement from services. Carer/Family is affiliated to exploitation Need additional level here re: parent has been groomed by perpetrator exploiting the young person	
	Multi-agency evidence <i>(What are the parent /carers views? Please ensure their voice is heard. What strengths and assets do the parent /carers and wider family have? Or, is there evidence of disguised compliance?)</i>		
13. Views of Young Person including their view of risk, need and necessary support	Enter YP views here		
	Services have been able to engage the Young person and have regular contact		
	Services have been able to sporadically engage the Young person, irregular contact		
	Services cannot engage the Young person, no contact		
	Young person in fear of engagement with services due to reprisals		
14. Views of Parent / Carer including their view of risk, need and necessary support	Enter parent/carer views here		

	Services have been able to engage the parent/carer and have regular contact	
	Services have been able to sporadically engage the parent/carer, irregular contact	
	Services cannot engage the parent/carer, no contact	
	Parent/carer in fear of engagement with services due to reprisals	
15. Summary of concerns and professional judgment/analysis of risk of child being criminally exploited and/or involved in serious youth violence		

Next Steps - On completion of the Risk Assessment and Management Tool, please make a professional judgement about the level of risk of the young person being involved in serious youth violence and exploitation. Please tick against your assessed level in the table below. If completed independently, please discuss with your line manager around appropriate next steps.

Risk Assessment Summary

Risk level	Total scores (leave blank if N/A)
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STRENGTH	
EMERGING	
MODERATE	
HIGH	
Overall risk level (apply professional judgement)	
Other extra-familial safeguarding concerns (concerns for the child which are associated with risks outside of the family home, i.e. peer group, risky location that the child is frequenting, particular issue within the local area)	Enter details here
Details of other multi-agency forums where this case has been / will be discussed, including date, chair and nature of meeting:	Enter details here

<p><u>EMERGING RISK</u></p> <p><i>A vulnerable child who is at risk of being targeted and groomed for exploitation and/or becoming involved in serious violent risk-taking behaviour</i></p>	<p><i>Some evidence that the child or young person is at risk of exploitation and/or being involved in high risk behaviour / or places him/herself at risk. Some concerns that the child/ young person is at risk of being targeted or groomed, but there are positive protective factors in the child's life. The child / young person may require a referral to targeted early intervention services for education / intervention.</i></p> <p>Continued support from single agency completing this tool might be the most appropriate course of action and an EHAF should be started if not already completed. Family Service involvement may be deemed appropriate if the needs cannot be met by a single agency or that agency is 'stuck'. Contact the EHU to discuss. If appropriate ensure information gathered to complete this assessment is shared with other agencies already working with the young person/family. Consider a professionals meeting for this purpose</p>
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	<p>Keep records as to new incidents and risk indicators and monitor any changes in vulnerability which may result in increased risk of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) in the future.</p>
<p><u>MODERATE RISK</u></p> <p><i>A vulnerable child who may be targeted for opportunistic abuse and/or is showing signs of becoming involved in serious violent risk-taking behaviour likely to cause serious harm to self/others</i></p>	<p><i>Child is vulnerable to being exploited and/or being involved in high risk behaviour / but there are not immediate/ urgent safeguarding concerns. There is evidence the child / young person may experience protective factors, but circumstances and / or behaviours place him/her at risk of exploitation/involvement in serious youth violence.</i></p> <p>If child not open to Children’s Services , referral to be made to MASH – mash.safeguarding@secure.nottscc.gov.uk Consideration to be given to holding a strategy discussion to review the current safeguarding concerns or referral to be progressed through for a single assessment to be undertaken to fully explore risks.</p> <p>Intervention with the children, young person and families to address risk awareness and staying safe should be undertaken. A planned programme to raise awareness of exploitation and to provide tools for children and young people to self-protect is required. Coordination with Police regarding missing episodes and independent return home visits to be completed. Disruption tactics to be considered including consideration via criminal and civil proceedings to disrupt perpetrators. Consideration also to be had around impact upon the family, risks to younger siblings. For County lines/CCE or serious violent risky behaviours , if not open to YJS statutory disposal, a YJS prevention referral should be considered.</p> <p>Any significant change in circumstances should lead to a review of risks.</p>
<p><u>HIGH RISK</u></p> <p><i>A child who is at significant risk or is already being exploited. Exploitation is likely to be habitual, often self-denied and coercion and control is implicit.</i></p> <p><i>A child who is being exploited by gang members and is being coerced into the moving / selling of drugs?</i></p> <p><i>OR A child who is significantly involved in serious violent risk-taking behaviour likely to cause serious harm to self/others</i></p>	<p><i>Evidence / disclosure suggests that the child is at immediate and / or continuing risk of sexual exploitation and/or being involved in serious youth violence. The child / young person is engaged in high risk situations / relationships / risk taking behaviour. Evidence / assessments, suggests that the child is experiencing exploitation (they may not recognise this) and/or is involved in a pattern of high level risk taking violent behaviour.</i></p> <p>If child not open to Children’s Services, referral to be made to MASH - mash.safeguarding@secure.nottscc.gov.uk If child has an allocated social worker, social worker will discuss with manager whether to initiate a strategy discussion/meeting as part of S47/CP/CIC process. Strategy discussion/meeting to be led/chaired by xxx. Exploitation Risk Management Tool to be reviewed and updated in strategy meeting/discussion.</p> <p>If it is felt that the child is at immediate risk of harm, the Police must be contacted on 101.</p> <p>Intervention with the children, young person and families to address risk awareness and staying safe should be undertaken. A planned programme to raise awareness of exploitation and to provide tools for children and young people to self-protect is required. Coordination with Police regarding missing episodes and independent return home visits to be completed. Disruption tactics to be considered including consideration via criminal and civil proceedings to disrupt perpetrators. Safety plan and action to include long-term intensive direct work with the individual child or young person. Consideration for Health, Police, Children’s Services risk alerts. Cross referencing with links to other safeguarding issues such as Teenage Pregnancy and Domestic Violence strategies. Harm reduction / detox intervention to be offered to the child, young person and family. Consideration also to be had around impact upon the family, risks to younger siblings. For County lines/CCE or involvement in serious violence/high risk behaviour, immediate referral for YJS Prevention Intervention if not open to statutory disposal.</p> <p>Risk should be closely monitored and reassessed every 4 weeks as part of the risk reduction process.</p> <p>Exploitation Risk Management Tool to be submitted to the YV & CCE panel for review.</p>

If child is not known to Children's Social Care or Youth Justice Service, Child Exploitation Risk Assessment and Management Tools to be sent to Nottinghamshire's MASH mash.safeguarding@secure.nottscc.gov.uk

If child is known to Children's Social Care and/or Youth Justice Service and has an allocated Social Worker/Youth Justice Case Manager, Tool to be sent by the allocated worker to Safeguarding.IndependentReview@nottscc.gov.uk