**Definition:**



“CSE involves children and young people receiving something – for example, accommodation, drugs, gifts or affection – as a result of them performing sexual activities, or having others perform sexual activities on them. It can occur without physical contact, when children are groomed to post sexual images of themselves on the internet.”

**GUIDANCE:**

Use the tool where there are concerns that a child may be at risk of, involved in or thought to be experiencing child sexual exploitation. It will assist in identifying indicators of sexual exploitation and then to determine what intervention, support services and disruption tactics are required.

**THIS TOOL IS A GUIDE & SHOULD AID PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT & NOT REPLACE IT.**

**Please refer to the** [**NSCB & NCSCB CSE guidance**](http://nottinghamshirescb.proceduresonline.com/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html) **for the full guidance.**

**HOW TO USE THE TOOL:**

Being mindful of the pre-existing vulnerabilities of the child identify the indicators present in each of the categories, **Low, Medium** and **High**. Use the score **and** the analysis to reach a professional judgment regarding the level of CSE risk and the response required. **No risk** indicates no ***identified*** risk related to CSE, it does not mean that there is no exploitation. Unmet needs or risk which are not linked to CSE can be addressed through other assessments or services.

**Low risk: The presence of FOUR (4) or more indicators of LOW risk should result in a referral to the Family Service (County) or Children and Families Direct (City)**

Indicates low evidence the child is being exploited but acknowledges some evidence of potential risk factors and a risk of being targeted or groomed. The child may require services to increase awareness of sexual exploitation, healthy relationships and staying safe. If the child was a known victim of child sexual exploitation previously, and there are no current concerns in relation to risk of CSE, they can be assessed as low risk and referred to a specialist service to increase awareness if required.

**Medium risk: TWO (2) indicators in the MEDIUM category requires a referral to the MASH (County) or Children and Families Direct (City) and consideration of a Multi-Agency CSE strategy meeting.**

Indicates children assessed at risk of sexual exploitation due to their own vulnerabilities, perceived behaviours or association with victims or perpetrators of sexual exploitation; chaotic lifestyles and high risk behaviours and disengagement from services/education. When the child has been sexually exploited previously, CSE processes have been followed and they remain vulnerable, professional judgement should be exercised in whether or not a further CSE strategy meeting or referral to a specialist services is required.

**High risk: ONE (1) indicator in this category should result in an immediate referral to MASH (County) or Children and Families Direct (City) and a CSE strategy meeting should be held.**

There is evidence that the child is at immediate or continuing risk of sexual exploitation.

**IF a low risk outcome occurs BUT professional judgement suggest a higher level of risk the case can still be discussed with the MASH or Children and Families Direct.**

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| **Child details** | | | |
| Name |  | Name also known as |  |
| Date of birth |  | Age |  |
| Gender |  | Sexual orientation |  |
| Ethnicity |  | Religion |  |
| Address |  | Post code |  |
| Telephone number |  | First language |  |
| Child has a disability (if yes please specify…) | |  | |
| Communication/Learning needs? | |  | |
| Child's legal status if accommodated | |  | |
| Is the child subject to a child protection plan? | |  | |
| Is the child currently missing/ regularly going missing? | |  | |
| Did the child/Parent/Carer participate in completing tool? | |  | |
| Date risk assessment tool completed | |  | |

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| **Professional(s) details completing the assessment** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name  Job Title |  | | | | | | Telephone number | |  | | |
| E-mail | |  | | |
| **Placement information for Looked After Child** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Placement type | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Placement address & details | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Other Professionals involved (e.g. School, Youth Offending Team, Health…)** | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Vulnerability Factors** | | | | |  | | | **Early Indicators of CSE/LOW** | | | |
| Lives in a chaotic or dysfunctional family | | |  | |  | | | Early experimenting with drugs or alcohol | |  | |
| History of domestic abuse within the family or own relationship | | |  | |  | | | Absent/truanting from school | |  | |
| History of sexual abuse within the family | | |  | |  | | | Lack of interest in education | |  | |
| History of physical abuse, emotional abuse or neglect | | |  | |  | | | Frequent problematic behaviour | |  | |
| Parents with mental health problems | | |  | |  | | | Returning home late | |  | |
| Parents with drugs or alcohol abuse | | |  | |  | | | Becoming estranged from family | |  | |
| Bereavement or loss | | |  | |  | | | Hostility towards family members or friends | |  | |
| Lack of protective factors within family unit including love and security | | |  | |  | | | Physically aggressive to others, including family members | |  | |
| Social or learning difficulties | | |  | |  | | | Mood swings | |  | |
| Low self-esteem or confidence | | |  | |  | | | Detached from age related activities | |  | |
| Unsure of their sexual orientation | | |  | |  | | | Secretive behaviour | |  | |
| Unsure of gender identity | | |  | |  | | | Changes in appearance | |  | |
| Drugs or alcohol misuse by child | | |  | |  | | | Secretive relationships | |  | |
| Looked after child | | |  | |  | | | Secretive about phone/internet use | |  | |
| Sexually active | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Homeless including sofa surfing | | |  | |  | | | **N.B. No child under 13 or with learning difficulties** | | | |
| Migrant, refugee or asylum seeker | | |  | |  | | | **can be categorised as low risk** | | | |
| Previous victim of CSE (include any sibling concerns) | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Under 13 years of age | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Significant physical health issues or learning disability for parent/carer | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Financially unsupported | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Parent/Carer involved in sex work | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Victim of bullying | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
| Mental health problems | | |  | |  | | |  | | | |
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| **Additional detail/evidence regarding vulnerabilities** | | | | |  | | | **Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators** | | | |
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| **Strong Indicators of CSE/MEDIUM** | | | | | |  | | **Serious indicators of CSE/HIGH** | | | |
| Considerable change in school performance | | | |  | |  | | Bringing others into exploitative situations | | |  |
| Exclusion from school due to behaviour | | | |  | |  | | Meeting unknown adults | | |  |
| Association with other victims of CSE | | | |  | |  | | Previous victim of CSE | | |  |
| Sexual activity under 13 years | | | |  | |  | | Chronic alcohol or drug misuse | | |  |
| Pregnancy, miscarriage and/or termination | | | |  | |  | | Unexplained gifts: clothes, phones, money, jewellery, drugs, cigarettes etc. | | |  |
| Multiple or recurring STIs | | | |  | |  | | Over sexualised appearance | | |  |
| Missing or absent from home or care | | | |  | |  | | Being groomed to meet through the internet | | |  |
| Going to areas with no known connection | | | |  | |  | | Being groomed into sexual activity with adults | | |  |
| Involvement in exploitative relationships | | | |  | |  | | Presence or frequenting areas known for sex workers | | |  |
| Association with adults of concern | | | |  | |  | | Visiting nightclubs with adults | | |  |
| Unexplained connections with adults | | | |  | |  | | Visiting hotels with adults | | |  |
| Receiving calls/texts from unknown persons | | | |  | |  | | Transported between premises/areas/towns for purpose of sexual exploitation | | |  |
| Multiple boyfriends/girlfriends | | | |  | |  | | Connected to known CSE perpetrators | | |  |
| Clipping – offering sex for money with intention to rob and run away | | | |  | |  | | Linked to CSE hotspot areas i.e. taxi ranks, bus stations, off licences and takeaways etc. | | |  |
| Change in physical appearance including weight loss/gain or eating disorder | | | |  | |  | | Information from reliable sources , of direct links to sexual exploitation | | |  |
| Adults forming relationships with the child through the internet | | | |  | |  | | Serious self-harming | | |  |
| Believes self in a relationship with an older boyfriend/girlfriend | | | |  | |  | | Sexual assault disclosure made and withdrawn | | |  |
| Entering or leaving unknown vehicles | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Self-harming and/or suicide ideation | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Over sexualised behaviour for age | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Sexualised risk taking (including internet) | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Gang involvement or involvement in crime | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Multiple callers to address | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Unexplained physical injuries | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Poor self-image | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
| Breakdown of LAC placement due to behaviour | | | |  | |  | |  | | | |
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| **Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators** | | | | | |  | | **Additional detail/evidence regarding indicators** | | | |
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| **No. of indicators:** | **LOW** |  | **MED** |  | **HIGH** |  |  |

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| **Professional’s analysis :** | | | | | | |
| Using the guidance and ***considering your personal analyses*** in each area, give your final professional view regarding risk levels. Please include in this section any locations of concern and/or any persons of concern (including nicknames). | | | | | | |
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| **The child is assessed as** | | | **LOW** | **MED** | | **HIGH** |
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| **Professional’s name and signature** | |  | | |  | |
| **Manager’s name and signature** | |  | | |  | |
| **Manager's comments and view :** | | | | | | |
| **Date** |  | | | | | |

**For ALL agencies other than children’s social care this form does not replace a referral.**

**COUNTY: CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE please use MOSAIC CSE Risk AASSESSMENT Tool**

**AGENCIES** please send a copy of thIS completed form to cse.riskassessment@secure.nottscc.gov.uk **FOR INFO**

**CITY: CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE ONLY please ALWAYS send a copy of the completed form to** [racheal.osborne@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:racheal.osborne@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) **and** [evelyn.hailwood@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:evelyn.hailwood@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

\*\*Please note risk assessment tools *will not* be fully considered without your Managers oversight/authorisation\*\*