



OSCB
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Child Exploitation Screening Tool Guidance for completing

The screening tool uses the term 'child' deliberately to remind us that a child at risk of exploitation is a child in need of protection and not a young adult making poor choices. It is designed to be used by all professionals working with children and parents or carers. A child is defined as a person who is under 18 years of age.

The screening tool is designed to help identify possible risks of exploitation and should be used where there are such concerns about any child/ren. Your observations of behaviours and any significant changes will be important as children will often deny or be unaware that they are being exploited.

Significant changes in behaviours, a single high-risk episode or multiple risk factors may indicate that the child is a victim of abuse through exploitation rather than a teenager experimenting with risk taking.

This is an initial screening tool, and not a risk assessment. Please complete as fully as possible. Practitioners should discuss with their safeguarding leads, before progressing to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Once completed there are several outcomes:

1. **Risk of Exploitation is not a key vulnerability at this point.** If this is the case this document should be kept securely. Advice can be sought from the Locality and Community Support service (LCSS) (phone numbers below in no.3) If concerns increase please update and review if referral to MASH is needed.
2. **Screening tool indicates that there is a risk of Exploitation:**
 - For children not open to Children's Social Care please send the completed screening tool to the LCSS, who chair the 'local network meetings.' The tool should be sent a week in advance for discussion at the next meeting to the following area email addresses:
LCSS.central@oxfordshire.gov.uk; LCSS.North@oxfordshire.gov.uk;
LCSS.South@oxfordshire.gov.uk
 - **If a MASH referral is required the completed screening tool should be submitted to MASH. If you are unsure if it is a new case send through to MASH who will triage mash-children@oxfordshire.gov.uk** . Professionals will also need to complete a MASH enquiry form. If Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is clearly indicated, the case will be passed to the Kingfisher team for allocation or signposting. For other forms of Exploitation, MASH will information share and Triage to the right service. If there is a mixture of CSE and other Exploitation the Team Managers in Kingfisher and MASH will agree the most appropriate course of action and inform the person completing the tool.
 - **For cases currently open to CSC**, practitioners should discuss their concerns, and where possible complete the screening tool, with the allocated social worker/core group, to inform next steps. If CSE is identified as a key concern please forward to Kingfisher team. For other Exploitation please forward to the inbox of the Missing and Exploitation Panel.
3. If you are unsure whether there is a risk of exploitation, a 'no names consultation' is available via the Locality and Community Support Service (LCSS):
LCSS North Tel: **0345 2412703** LCSS Central Tel: **0345 2412705** LCSS South Tel: **0345 2412608**

Advice re CSE is also available via the Kingfisher team on **01865 309196**.

Child Exploitation Screening Tool

Description and Analysis of Concerns

Please complete each section giving as much detail as possible and any evidence you have to support your concerns. This will ensure that the Team can assess the risks and plan any next steps and/or advice in a timely manner.

REFERRER DETAILS	
Name	
Title	
Organisation	
Email	
Phone	

CHILD'S DETAILS			
Child's Name			
Gender		Date of Birth	
Home or placement address			
Is the child open to any other services? Please state.			
Child's school contact details			
Ethnicity			

HEALTH	NO	YES
Evidence and/or History of physical injuries (including sexual injuries/physical assault and or unexplained injuries)?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Evidence and/or history of self-harm?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

HEALTH	NO	YES
Is there a change in self-care and hygiene?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Alcohol or substance misuse?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

HEALTH	NO	YES
Additional needs e.g. Learning or Physical Disability, Autism etc.?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Multiple presentations to Health Care professionals? e.g. STI, multiple physical injury, 'plugging'		
If 'yes' please give further details		

BEHAVIOUR	NO	YES
Poor school attendance		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Reduced timetable		
If 'yes' please give further details		

BEHAVIOUR	NO	YES
Exclusion record (e.g. has there been an increase in fixed term exclusions?)		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Home educated?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

BEHAVIOUR		NO	YES
Are you concerned about their friendship group?			
If 'yes' please give further details			
Recent changes in behaviour (e.g. volatile, angry, sad, withdrawn, anxiety, depression?)			
If 'yes' please give further details			

GROOMING		NO	YES
Seen with unknown adults or older children?			
If 'yes' please give further details			
Concerns about friendship/relationship control?			
If 'yes' please give further details			

GROOMING	NO	YES
Unexplained money, clothes or mobile phones?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Excessive or inappropriate receipt of texts/phone calls?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

GROOMING	NO	YES
Seen at hotels, pubs, nightclubs etc., or traveling to other towns and cities?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

MISSING	NO	YES
Persistently going missing from school or home and/or being found out of area?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

MISSING

If known, what is the background/context?

How does the child present on their return?

MISSING

What explanation does the child give?

FAMILY & SOCIAL DOMAIN

NO YES

Are there concerns about neglect?

If 'yes' please give further details

FAMILY & SOCIAL DOMAIN	NO	YES
Has the child experienced significant trauma or loss?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Is the child questioning their sexual identity?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

FAMILY & SOCIAL DOMAIN	NO	YES
Homelessness/sofa surfing/multiple moves		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Are the parents having difficulty managing the child's behaviour?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

FAMILY & SOCIAL DOMAIN	NO	YES
Difficult transition from primary to secondary school?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
What explanation does the child give?		

E-SAFETY	NO	YES
Is the child sending or receiving sexual images online?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Accessing age inappropriate websites?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

E-SAFETY	NO	YES
Involved with online gaming?		
If 'yes' please give further details		
Is online activity creating social isolation?		
If 'yes' please give further details		

Any other relevant information:

As part of an ongoing review of the Child Exploitation Pathway, we are looking at professionals' experiences of using the Child Exploitation Screening Tool. Please take the time to complete [5 minutes of feedback](#) to help us improve the tool.



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