



Child Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool

The CSE Identification Tool is provided for reference only, to assist you in considering the risk indicators associated with a child or young person, to help clarify your concerns.

What is Child Sexual Exploitation [CSE]?

Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse in which a person(s) exploits, coerces and/or manipulates a child or young person into engaging in some form of sexual activity, sometimes in return for something, the child needs or desires and/or for the gain of the person(s) perpetrating or facilitating the abuse.

What are the possible “Risk” indicators of CSE?

- Regularly coming home late or going missing
- Overtly sexualised dress, sexualised risk taking (including on the Internet)
- Unaccounted for monies or goods
- Associating with unknown adults
- Associating with other sexually exploited children
- Reduced contact with family and friends and other support networks
- Sexually transmitted infections or unplanned pregnancy
- Experimenting with drugs and alcohol
- Peer on peer, issues including sexualised bullying or sexting with consent
- Poor self-image, eating disorders or self-harm
- Having a much older boyfriend/girlfriend
- Missing school or excluded from school due to behaviour
- Young People changing their phones regularly can indicate change of sim cards
- Getting into cars with unknown adults or associating with known CSE adults
- Being groomed on or off line
- Clipping – (offering to have sex for money or other payment and then running before sex takes place)
- Receiving rewards of money or goods for recruiting peers into exploitation
- Disclosure of physical or sexual assault with no substantiating evidence to warrant sect 47 enquiry and then refusing to make or withdrawing complaint
- Reports of being involved in CSE through being seen in 'hotspots' (i.e. hotels or other commercial premises, recruiting grounds, cars or private addresses of concern and/or in the company of known CSE perpetrators)
- Staying out overnight with no reasonable explanation
- Having an older boyfriend or girlfriend believed to be a risk to young people
- Unaccounted for money or goods including mobile phones, drugs and alcohol
- Multiple sexually transmitted infections (STI's)

- Self-harming that requires medical treatment
- Repeat offending linked to CSE or CSE activity
- Gang member or association with gangs and delinquent peer groups
- Breakdown in residential placements due to behaviour
- Child under 13 involved or coerced into sexual activity
- Pattern of street homelessness and staying with an adult believed to be sexually exploiting them
- Inciting a child under 16 meeting different adults and engaging in sexual activity for goods or a roof for the night
- Peer on peer abuse(children who pose a risk to others or receiving awards for recruiting
- Removed from known 'red light' district by professionals due to suspected CSE
- Pattern of street homelessness and or staying with individuals who are likely to be sexually exploiting them
- Being taken to clubs and hotels by adults and engaging in sexual activity as part of grooming
- Being bought sold or trafficked
- Multiple missing episodes
- Disclosure of serious sexual assault and then withdrawal of statement
- Abduction and forced imprisonment
- Being moved around for sexual activity
- Disappearing from the 'system' with no contact or support
- Multiple miscarriages or terminations
- Chronic alcohol and drug use
- Indicators of CSE alongside serious self – harming

What to do if you think a child is at risk of CSE?

Please speak to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr Phillips