



Hand in Hand Project
North Yorkshire Referral Form

Date :	
Professional completing referral:	
Agency:	
Contact Details:	
Is the young person aware of the referral?	YES / NO
Has the young person consented to the referral? Please note that information is shared with North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for monitoring and evaluation purposes.	YES / NO We need the young person to be aware of the referral so that we can ensure support can be put in place without delay.
Is the young person's family/carer aware of the referral?	YES / NO This is not necessary but it will help our work if we are aware whether or not parents have been informed.

Young Person Details

First Name		Ethnicity	
Middle Name		Religion	
Last Name		Known to agencies	YES / NO
Preferred Name		Agencies known to :	

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Dob / Age		Shared with NYP VAT or VEMT?	VAT	YES / NO
			VEMT	YES / NO
Address		GP Registered	YES / NO	
		GP Name & Address		
Post code		Dentist Name & Address		
Tel no:				
Mobile No:				
Disability, special needs or medical conditions?				
Education/ Employment details	Please include name of key contact person at place of work or education if you know it			
Social Worker (if applicable) and contact details				

CSE Risk Assessment

Please complete the following risk assessment in as much detail as possible

Accommodation	
Young person satisfied/meets needs	
YP generally satisfied with accommodation	
Unstable or unsuitable accommodation. In temporary accommodation YP not satisfied	

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Looked After/Leaving Care	
Homeless	
Other accommodation issues	
Health	
Physical symptoms (bruising suggestive of either physical or sexual assault)	
Chronic fatigue	
Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections	
Pregnancy and/or seeking an abortion and/or multiple miscarriages	
Evidence of drug, alcohol or substance misuse	
Sexually risky behaviour	
Family Relationships	
Significant understanding /good communication	
Some understanding and positive communication	
Some mutual understanding. Poor communication	
Poor negative communication, some warmth	
Poor communication, no warmth, attachment or trust	
Other relationship issues	
Risk to others	
No risk to others	
Mild concerns about risk /influence on others	
Concern re influence on other YP	
Concern raised that YP may expose others to risk	
Places other persons at risk of CSE or violence (including family members)	
Other risk to others issues	

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Engagement with services	
Good engagement	
Reasonable engagement/regular contact	
Some engagement /occasional contact	
Brief engagement/sporadic contact	
Not engaging/No contact	
Other engagement issues	
Missing	
No missing episodes	
Stays out late /no missing episodes	
Occasionally goes missing	
Frequent short periods missing	
Frequent prolonged periods missing	
Other missing issues	
Emotional and Social Issues	
Emotional/behavioural concerns	
Self-harm	
Attempted suicide	
Associating with other young people who are known to be sexually exploited and thought to be encouraging/recurring other young people into CSE.	
Young person known to be sexually active under legal age limit.	
Sexual relationship with a significantly older person	
Unexplained relationships with older adults	
Possible inappropriate use of the Internet and forming relationships, particularly with unknown adults, via the Internet. Sending/sharing	

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inappropriate photographs to unknown much older persons. Accepting requests for friendships from unknown sources. Being secretive about internet use. Using adult networking sites.	
Phone calls, text messages or letters from unknown adults	
Adults or older youths loitering outside the child's usual place of residence	
Associating with other young people who are known to be sexually exploited and thought to be encouraging/recruiting other young people into CSE.	
Entering or leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults	
Other emotional health issues	
Education	
Engaged in full time education/employment	
Full time education irregular attendance/PRU attendance	
Excluded or Poor attendance	
Not engaged in education/employment but shows an interest in doing so	
Not engaged in education/employment and shows no interest	
Other education issues	
Alcohol Use	
No concern	
Some concern	
Moderate alcohol use/increasing concern	
Alcohol dependency suspected	
Dependant upon alcohol	
Other alcohol issues	

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Drug Use	
No concern	
Some concern of drugs	
Concern of drug use	
Suspected dependency on drugs	
Drug use disclosed/dependant on drugs	
Other drug use issues	
Experience of Violence in the past	
No records of previous violence	
Domestic Abuse to any family member	
Peers are violent	
Abuse to child within family	
Other violence related issues	

Sexual Exploitation – Levels of Risk		
Levels of Risk	Comments	
Low Risk	No evidence that child is being sexually exploited. May be some vulnerabilities or behaviours that require intervention e.g. via CAF	
Medium Risk	Young person would be vulnerable to exploitation but is not at immediate risk. Support via CAF or Child in Need Plan.	
High Risk	Evidence suggests that child is at immediate risk of, or being sexually exploited. Referral to children’s social care and S47 Enquiries.	
Assessment of Risk (please make a professional judgment based on your analysis of the information)		
Red/High Risk	Amber/Medium Risk	Green/Low Risk
<i>Please use the space below to provide additional information and to summarise your concerns.</i>		

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Please email this referral to zoe.stephenson-jones@childrenssociety.org.uk & handinhand@childrenssociety.org.uk We will contact you on receipt of the referral to acknowledge your request and inform you of timeframes.

Please see attached sheet for information on our service and common risk indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation.



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The Children's Society Hand in Hand Project is a service which provides support to children and young people who are at risk of or involved in Child Sexual Exploitation. We offer one to one intensive support, targeted group work, preventative and awareness sessions in schools and professionals training. We work with both boys and girls. The one to one support we offer is long term and will involve a range of interventions to raise awareness around CSE and Grooming while focusing on the areas of a young person's life which are making them more vulnerable and support to reduce risk taking behaviours.

Below is a list of risk factors and vulnerabilities which are commonly displayed by young people experiencing CSE. However some young people will not display any of these. If you have any concerns regarding any young person please do not hesitate to contact us.

RISK/INDICATORS AND VULNERABILITY FACTORS

The following are typical vulnerabilities in children prior to abuse:

- Living in a chaotic or dysfunctional household (including parental substance use, domestic violence, parental mental health issues, parental criminality).
- History of abuse (including familial child sexual abuse, risk of forced marriage, risk of 'honour'-based violence, physical and emotional abuse and neglect).
- Recent bereavement or loss.
- Gang association either through relatives, peers or intimate relationships (in cases of gang associated CSE only).
- Attending school with young people who are sexually exploited.

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- Learning disabilities.
- Unsure about their sexual orientation or unable to disclose sexual orientation to their families.
- Friends with young people who are sexually exploited.
- Homeless.
- Lacking friends from the same age group.
- Living in a gang neighbourhood.
- Living in residential care.
- Living in hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation or a foyer.
- Low self-esteem or self-confidence.
- Young carer.

The following signs and behaviour are generally seen in children who are already being sexually exploited.

- Missing from home or care.
- Physical injuries.
- Drug or alcohol misuse.
- Involvement in offending.
- Repeat sexually-transmitted infections, pregnancy and terminations.
- Absent from school.
- Change in physical appearance.
- Evidence of sexual bullying and/or vulnerability through the internet and/or social networking sites.
- Estranged from their family.
- Receipt of gifts from unknown sources.
- Recruiting others into exploitative situations.
- Poor mental health.
- Self-harm.
- Thoughts of or attempts at suicide.

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Evidence shows that any child displaying several vulnerabilities from the above lists should be considered to be at high risk of sexual exploitation. Professionals should immediately start an investigation to determine the risk, along with preventative and protective action as required.

However, it is important to note that children without pre-existing vulnerabilities can still be sexually exploited. Therefore, any child showing risk indicators in the second list, but none of the vulnerabilities in the first, should also be considered as a potential victim, with appropriate assessment and action put in place as required.