**Sexual Exploitation Screening Tool**

*Tip – use the TAB key to move between boxes*

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| **Name:** | Click here to enter text. | **Also known as:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Date of Birth:** | Click here to enter text. | **Gender:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Ethnicity:** | Click here to enter text. | **Disability:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Address:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Contact number:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Lives with:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Parental Responsibility:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Relationship to young person:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **GP Name** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **School Name** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Referrer Name:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Agency:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Address:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Telephone:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Email:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Reason for completing screening tool:** | Click here to enter text. | | |

**This Tool has been developed to enable the identification of children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation.**

**Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology. (Home Office 2017)**

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| **Name of child/young person**: | Click here to enter text. |
| **Date completed:** | Click here to enter a date. |

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| **Significant Risk Indicators**  *The presence of one significant risk indicator will require action as set out below* | Current or during the past 6 months: | Prior to 6 months ago: |
| Repeat periods of absence/missing (day and/or night) |  |  |
| Relationship of concern with an adult (male or female) or young person, which might involve physical and/or emotional abuse and/or gang activity |  |  |
| Entering/leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults (not car theft) |  |  |
| Unexplained amounts of money, expensive clothes or other items including phone credit |  |  |
| Frequenting areas known for risky activities |  |  |
| Groomed/abused via the Internet and mobile technology and/or excessive use of mobile phone including at night |  |  |
| Having unexplained contact with hotels, taxi companies or fast food outlets |  |  |
| Repeat absences from school/Not in education |  |  |

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| **Risk Indicators** | Please tick |
| Whereabouts unclear or unknown – day and/or night |  |
| Absences/exclusion from school or not engaged in school/college/ training/work |  |
| Regular/Multiple contacts from unknown adults/young people |  |
| Physical injuries without plausible explanation |  |
| Sexually transmitted infections/ Pregnancies / termination of pregnancies |  |
| Drugs Misuse |  |
| Alcohol Misuse |  |
| Self-harming/challenging behaviours/suicide attempts/ eating disorders/aggression |  |
| Use of a mobile phone which causes concern – including sexting/multiple phones and/or SIM cards |  |
| Unsafe use of internet |  |
| Has been sexually assaulted |  |
| Disclosure of sexual/physical assault followed by withdrawal of allegation |  |
| Risky/inappropriate sexual behaviour |  |
| Lack of awareness/understanding of being safe |  |
| Peers involved in sexual exploitation/risky or concerning behaviours |  |
| Living independently and failing to respond to attempts by workers to keep in touch |  |
| Accident & Emergency attendance because of alcohol/drug misuse |  |
| Being accompanied to appointments by an unknown person that causes concern |  |
| Association with gang members that suggests sexual exploitation is a possibility |  |
| Volatile behaviour/hostility in relationships with parents/carers and/or other members of the family |  |

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| **Vulnerability Factors** | Please tick |
| Unsuitable/inappropriate accommodation/sofa surfing/financially unsupported/migrant/refugee |  |
| Isolated from peers/family/social networks |  |
| Learning disabilities/special needs or mental health issues |  |
| History of Local Authority Care/looked after status |  |
| Involvement in criminal activities and/or at risk of gang involvement |  |
| Family conflict/ breakdown, lack of love/security, death, loss, illness of a significant person in child’s life |  |
| History of Child Protection involvement in relation to neglect, physical sexual or emotional abuse |  |
| Family history of domestic abuse and/or substance misuse and/or mental health difficulties |  |
| Risk of forced marriage |  |
| Recent bereavement and loss |  |

The framework includes three categories of risk and is intended to inform appropriate responses in relation to children and young people’s safeguarding needs. The presence of one significant risk indicator will necessitate action as set out in LSCB procedures.

Please use your professional judgement to reflect upon the indicators you have ticked above and consider the health, welfare and safety of the child in question. (NB: A ‘child’ is any person under the age of 18, male and female and older children can be equally as vulnerable)

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| **Please tick** | **Description** | **Associated actions** |
|  | **Category 1: No Evidence of CSE risk identified.** |  |
|  | **Category 2: Low – at risk of harm**  A child who is at risk of being groomed for sexual exploitation. | * Delivered as a single agency or integrated into existing multi-agency plan. * Educate to stay safe. * Work with children, young people and families to develop an awareness of the risks that can lead to a situation in which they may be exposed to sexual exploitation. * On-going review of risk required particularly if there are significant changes in circumstances * Inform CSE Coordinator of young person considered to be at risk of CSE so this can be captured by LSCB by sending a completed screening tool   Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk   * Use the police information report form to share information on victim’s or perpetrators where needed |
|  | **Category 3: Medium – significant risk of harm**  A child who is targeted for abuse through exchange of sex for affection, drugs, accommodation and goods etc.  The likelihood of coercion and control is significant | * A multi-agency approach is likely to be needed. * Refer to Single Point of Contact [Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Willow_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk) – Send the completed screening tool to this email address * Inform CSE Social Worker (Simon Ashman) of young person considered to be at risk of CSE so this can be captured by LSCB * A decision will be made as to whether the young person will be offered a service through Willow or Barnardos BASE service. A worker may choose to do work themselves this needs to be discussed with CSE Social Worker (Simon Ashman) * Ongoing review of risk required particularly if there are significant changes in circumstances * Use the police information report form to share information on victim’s or perpetrators where needed |
|  | **Category 4: Significant – serious risk of harm**  A child who is entrenched in sexual exploitation, but often does not recognise or self denies the nature of their abuse often in denial, and where coercion/control is implicit. | * A referral will be needed to Children’s Social Care and should include a copy of this screening tool, and a multi-agency strategy meeting should be convened in relation to children and young people assessed as at ‘significant risk’. * Participants of the meeting should agree a protection plan and action to include long-term intensive direct work with the individual child or young person. Risk should be closely monitored and regularly reassessed as part of the risk reduction process. * Barnardos BASE should be invited to the Strategy meeting for ALL meetings where the CSE risk is considered at risk of significant harm * The Plan to include actions in relation to perpetrators. * Joint investigation between police and children’s services * Inform CSE Social Worker (Simon Ashman) of young person considered to be at risk of CSE so this can be captured by LSCB |

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| **Professional judgement**  *Explain reasons for your decision regarding level of risk of CSE*  ***(Please include in here the evidence for your riks identified above and any other additional information)*** | (This box will expand as you type) |

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| **Action taken** | **Timescales** | **Date done** |
| Discuss with line manager |  | Click here to enter a date. |
| Screening tool to be sent to  Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk |  | Click here to enter a date. |
| Strategy meeting |  | Click here to enter text. |
| Risk level |  | Click here to enter a date. |
| Any other actions or monitoring arrangements |  | Click here to enter a date. |

**Where to refer or discuss your concerns:**

Anyone who completes a CSE screening tool, or is considering the need to do so, can seek advice from the Designated Safeguarding Advisor in their agency/service/setting

If the screening tool indicates that the child/young person is likely to be at medium or significant risk of sexual exploitation you should contact Children’s Social Care or the Police:

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| **Children’s Social Work Services:** | Social Care Duty Team | 01225 396313/312 |
|  | Child Sexual Exploitation Social Worker(CSE) | 01225 396015 |
|  | Emergency Duty Team (EDT) (out of hours) | 01454 615165 |
| **Police:** |  |  |
|  | Non-emergency | 101 |
|  | Emergency | 999 |

**Where to get more information:**

Bath & North East Somerset online procedures: [www.safeguarding-bathnes.org.uk](http://www.safeguarding-bathnes.org.uk)

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| Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) | [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) |
| PACE – Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation. | [www.paceuk.info](http://www.paceuk.info) |
| UKHTC – UK Human Trafficking Centre. | [www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc](http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc) |
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**CSE Pathway Guidance**

**Where there are immediate safeguarding concerns, BANES LSCB procedures are to be followed.**

**Contact: Duty Social Care on:**

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**Screening:**

**Category 3**

For cases not open to Social Care, or where you are unsure of Social Care involvement **and there is a risk of significant harm,** send a referral with the completed screening tool to [ChildCare\_Duty@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:ChildCare_Duty@bathnes.gov.uk)

Where you are aware of current social care involvement, discuss your concerns with the allocated social worker.

Where you are significantly concerned but you do not make a professional judgement of significant risk of harm notify CSE Social Worker of screening outcome, including a copy of CSE Screening Tool, for inclusion on CSE database [Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Willow_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk) . If you are requesting a Service from Willow or Barnardos BASE complete a Willow referral form and send with the screening tool to the CSE Social Worker. The CSE Social Worker will contact you with the outcome of the referral. If the concerns are assessed to be significant the case may be referred on to Barnardos BASE.

In the event of a waiting list for this support, healthy relationships and keep safe work should be carried out by the most appropriate existing practitioner involved.

Keep records of incidents/indicators

Monitor changes in vulnerability/risk

The disruption and investigation of offenders is an essential component of a safeguarding and diversion plan.

Use Police Information Sharing Tool to share information on victim and/or perpetrator i.e. names, locations or other useful intelligence. [**https://forms.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/vul**](https://placemakingbristol.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e72caa5f75895c6f695b67192&id=75d14cece5&e=6605aeb700)  
Inform CSE Social Worker of this intelligence by putting this into the professional judgement section of the screening tool

Engage parents as they are likely to be a significant source of information and evidence. Guidance on involving parents can be found within LSCB procedures

**Screening:**

**Category 2**

Case management may not be with children’s social care.

Notify CSE Social Worker of screening outcome, including a copy of CSE Screening Tool, for inclusion on CSE database to [Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Willow_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk) The CSE Social Worker will contact you to let you know the outcome of the referral.

**Screening:**

**Category 4**

For cases not open to Social Care, or where you are unsure of Social Care involvement, send a referral with the completed screening tool to [ChildCare\_Duty@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:ChildCare_Duty@bathnes.gov.uk)

Where you are aware of current social care involvement, discuss your concerns with the allocated social worker.

Notify CSE Social Worker of referral or concerns (stating a referral has gone to Duty Children’s Social Care), including a copy of CSE Screening Tool, for inclusion on CSE database to [Willow\_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Willow_CSEReferrals@bathnes.gov.uk)

Following Assessment by Duty confirming concerns, a strategy meeting should be called. The CSE Social Worker and Barnardos BASE as well as Social Care and the Police should attend the strategy meeting.

A safeguarding and diversion plan to be devised at the strategy meeting. If the case is already open to social care, this should be integrated into existing planning and review processes. The disruption and investigation of offenders is an essential component of a safeguarding and diversion plan.

At the strategy meeting it will be decided whether the case will be worked by Willow or BASE. In the event of a waiting list for this support, healthy relationships and keep safe work should be carried out by the most appropriate existing practitioner involved.

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-Use key disruption tactics e.g., Abduction Orders, Harbouring Notices and Licensing legislation.

Consult with UK Human Trafficking Centre and/or UK Border Agency where appropriate. Refer any case of human trafficking to the NRM (National Referral Mechanism)

Engage parents as they are likely to be significant source of information and evidence. Guidance on involving parents can be found within LSCB CSE procedures

Where there are concerns about the possibility of a child being at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation, complete the CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION SCREENING TOOL and seek support from your safeguarding lead and/ or seek advice from the CSE Social Worker on 01225 395200