



Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

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. If concerns increase please update and review if referral to MASH is needed.
2. **Screening tool indicates that there is a risk of Exploitation:**
 - **All screening tools for new cases go 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**.

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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.

Child's Name:	
Gender	
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 state why		
Evidence and/or history of self-harm?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Is there a change in self-care and hygiene?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Alcohol or substance misuse?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Health	No	Yes
Additional needs e.g. Learning or Physical Disability, Autism etc.?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Multiple presentations to Health Care professionals? e.g. STI, multiple physical injury, 'plugging'		
If 'yes' please state why		

Behaviour	No	Yes
Poor school attendance		
If 'yes' please state why		
Reduced timetable		
If 'yes' please state why		

Behaviour	No	Yes
Exclusion record (e.g. has there been an increase in fixed term exclusions?)		
If 'yes' please state why		
Home educated?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Are you concerned about their friendship group?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Recent changes in behaviour (e.g. volatile, angry, sad, withdrawn, anxiety, depression?)		
If 'yes' please state why		

Grooming	No	Yes
Seen with unknown adults or older children?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Concerns about friendship/relationship control?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Unexplained money, clothes or mobile phones?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Excessive or inappropriate receipt of texts/phone calls?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Grooming	No	Yes
Seen at hotels, pubs, nightclubs etc., or traveling to other towns and cities?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Missing	No	Yes
Persistently going missing from school or home and/or being found out of area?		
If 'yes' please state why		
If known, what is the background/context?		
If 'yes' please state why		
How does the child present on their return?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Missing	No	Yes
What explanation does the child give?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Family & Social Domain	No	Yes
Are there concerns about neglect?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Has the child experienced significant trauma or loss?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Is the child questioning their sexual identity?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Family & Social Domain	No	Yes
Homelessness/sofa surfing/multiple moves		
If 'yes' please state why		
Are the parents having difficulty managing the child's behaviour?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Difficult transition from primary to secondary school?		
If 'yes' please state why		
What explanation does the child give?		
If 'yes' please state why		

E-Safety	No	Yes
Is the child sending or receiving sexual images online?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Accessing age inappropriate websites?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Involved with online gaming?		
If 'yes' please state why		
Is online activity creating social isolation?		
If 'yes' please state why		

Any other relevant information:



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