

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Risk Assessment Tool

Purpose and use; any frontline worker who is concerned that CSE may be an issue for a young person (female, male or transgender) will discuss the concern with the designated child protection lead. **This tool aims to support professional assessment and conversation. Professionals need to exercise their own judgement when completing the tool. It will be used to inform rather than determine professional decision making.** Please fill in what you know. It is not expected that every practitioner will be able to fill in all parts of the form. The **Multi-agency CSE pathway** can be found [here](#). Practice guidance on CSE can be found [here](https://safeguarding.je/): <https://safeguarding.je/>

MASH: Agency information on consent and enquiry into MASH is available from your agencies designated child protection lead. MASH enquiry with appropriate consent is essential if a child is assessed as having complex or acute needs that are not currently met. Any potential enquiry can be discussed with MASH; Telephone [519000](tel:519000). An enquiry form and leaflet for parents are available on this link: <http://jerseyscb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

The definition of CSE is broader than actual Child Sexual Abuse (CSA):

‘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. ‘

CSE Referral pathway

Where child sexual exploitation, or the risk of it, is suspected, front line practitioners should complete the Jersey SPB CSE Risk Assessment tool (available at: http://jerseyscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_ch_sexual_exploit.html).

An enquiry MUST be made to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) or the information given to the allocated social worker. At MASH the information will be reviewed and the level of risk may be amended.

Any agency who makes an enquiry into MASH will be advised of the outcome and signposted to other services and resources if the enquiry does not reach the threshold for MASH action.

Many of the indicators of child sexual exploitation are also part of normal teenage behaviours and it is the presence of higher risk factors or multiple other factors which may be indications of child sexual exploitation. Where a child is aged 13 years old or younger the presence of any one risk factor must be seen as a potential indicator of sexual exploitation.

Identifying information

Child's Surname	Child's forenames
Address (es) of child	Date completed
Name and job title of person completing	Organisation
E-mail:	Telephone:
Name of Safeguarding lead/Social worker	E-mail/Telephone for Safeguarding lead:
Was a MASH enquiry made? (please circle) YES NO	

Background vulnerabilities

Physical disability	Physical abuse in the home
Learning disability	Witness to abuse in the home
Emotional neglect by a parent or carer or family member	Breakdown of family relationships
Living in a care home	Family history of substance misuse
Going missing	Family history of mental health difficulties
A victim of bullying	Sexual abuse
Involved in bullying	Complex family relationships
Isolated from peers or social networks	Experience of significant loss or trauma in their life
Low self esteem	Homeless
Unsuitable or inappropriate accommodation	Young carer
Lack of a positive relationship with a protective or nurturing adult	Poverty/economic migrant

Trafficking	
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Health and Consent Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Physical injuries for example bruising suggesting either physical or sexual assault		Change in appearance including losing weight, putting on weight	
Sexually transmitted infection (STI) Are there recurring/multiple STIs?		Regular use of alcohol and/or drugs including before sex	
Pregnancy and or seeking an abortion		Thoughts of or attempted suicide	
Self-harm (<i>see below</i>)		Eating disorder	
<i>Please detail any information available on self-harming behaviour:</i>		Learning disability	
Physical disability			
Sexually risky behaviour		Can they discuss contraception including use of condoms with any partners?	
Have they ever been made to feel scared or uncomfortable by the person they have been having sex with?		Have they been made to do something sexual that they did not want to do?	
Do they feel they could say no to sex?		Has anyone ever given them gifts/money for sex or do they have items they couldn't buy?	

Is anyone else present when they have sex?		Do they have sex in a safe environment?	
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Behaviour Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Sexually offending behaviour		Hostility in relationship with parents/carers and other family members	
Truancy/disengagement with education or considerable change in performance at school		Volatile behaviour exhibiting extreme array of mood swings or abusive language which is unusual for the child.	
Detachment from age-appropriate activities		Physical aggression towards parents, siblings, teachers, peers or pets.	
Becoming angry/hostile if any suspicions or concerns about their activities are expressed		Low self- image, low self esteem	
Known to be sexually active		Sexualised language	
Young offender or anti-social behaviour		Secretive behaviour	
Getting involved in petty crime such as shoplifting or stealing			

Grooming Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
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	Possible		Possible
Entering or leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults		Excessive use of mobile phones, including receiving calls late at night	
Seen in places known to be used for sexual exploitation		Association with other young people who are known to be sexually exploited, including in school	
Unexplained relationships with older adults		Sexual relationship with a significantly older person	
Phone calls, texts or letters from unknown adults		Mobile phone being answered by an unknown adult	
Grooming Domain continued	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Forming relationships with adults via the internet. Child does not or unable to screen for adults posing as peers		New mobile phones/several mobile phones and/or SIM cards especially Blackberry or iPhones. Unknown source of credit.	
Social activities that cost without having known access to money		Unaccounted for gifts, money or goods including drugs and alcohol	
Having keys to premises other than those they should have		Recruiting others into sexual exploitation	
Seen at public toilets known for cottaging or adult venues (pubs and clubs)		Adults loitering outside the child/young person's usual place of residence or school	
Leaving home/care in clothing unusual/inappropriate for age		Wearing an unusual amount of clothing (due to hiding more sexualised clothing underneath or hiding their body)	
Persistently missing, staying out overnight or returning late		Returning after being missing looking well cared for	

Returning after being missing looking dirty, dishevelled, tired, hungry, and thirsty.		Possession of excessive number of condoms	
Evidence that any associated adult may be known as business operators for example taxi drivers/hotel premises/food outlets (please detail)		Have they or their family been threatened with harm? <i>By whom (if known)?</i>	
Disclosure of serious sexual assault and then withdrawal of statement		Abduction and forced imprisonment	

Family and Social Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Family member or known associate working in the adult sex trade		Unsure about their sexual orientation or unable to disclose sexual orientation to their family	
History of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse, neglect		Witness to domestic abuse at home	
Parental difficulties; drug and alcohol misuse; mental health problems; physical or learning difficulty (please circle)		Conflict at home around boundaries including staying out late	
Young carer		Lacking friends their own age	
Living in temporary housing: hostel/B&B/campsite		Street homelessness/sofa surfing	
Recent bereavement or loss			

Looked After Children Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Living in residential care		Frequently missing from placement	
Multiple placement breakdown		Going missing with other children	

E Safety Domain	Yes/No/ Possible		Yes/No/ Possible
Evidence of sexual bullying and/or vulnerability through Internet or social networking sites		Sexual images of them are being circulated via the internet/phones	
Exchanging inappropriate images for cash, credits or other items		Receiving gifts through the post from someone the young person does not know	
Concern that a young person is being coerced to provide sexually explicit images		Concern that a young person is being bribed by someone for their inappropriate online activity	
Concern that a young person is selling sexual services via the internet		Accessing sex meet up sites/dating agencies via mobile phone	
Unexplained increased mobile phone and/or gaming credits		Going online during the night	
Being secretive, using mobile phones for accessing websites etc. more than computers		Unwilling to share/show online or phone contacts	
Increased time on web cam, especially if in bedroom		Spending increasing amount of time online and less time with friends off line.	

Domain	Risk Analysis	Action
Health and Consent		
Behaviour		
Grooming		
Family and Social		
Looked after Child		
E Safety		