



local safeguarding children board

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

# Brent LSCB

## Child Sexual Exploitation Screening Tool

Version 2

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## 1 Introduction

Research has shown that boys and girls nationally as young as 8 years old have been sexually exploited. The Brent LSCB is committed to ensuring that all young people who are at risk or victims of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are identified and provided with the right support.

All professionals where possible, should complete the LSCB CSE training and read the LSCB strategy as part of completing this tool.

This screening tool should be used by all professionals in Brent working with children and young people where they suspect that a child may be at risk of CSE. The tool will assist professionals to recognise and respond to specific indicators .

It can also be used by managers in supervision with front line practitioners and in training programmes.

## 2 Guidance on using this tool

It can be difficult to recognise of the sign's or indicators of child sexual exploitation. If you are concerned about immediate danger to a child you should always call the Police.

Professionals need to be clear in their judgement when completing this tool and consider relevant factors when judging indicators as 'low', 'medium' or 'high' risk.

Where child sexual exploitation is suspected the worker should discuss with their manager and/or the senior professional responsible for safeguarding.

**If the child is at risk, a referral must be made to Brent Family Front Door (020 8937 4300) and a copy of the completed tool should be sent.**

This tool can also be used to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and encourage engagement with both children and families.

This screening tool is informed by research, the Mayor of London Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and The Office of the Children's Commissioner.

Judgements between low medium and high risk are made taking into consideration;

- a) The frequency an indicator has arisen during your involvement
- b) How many other indicators are linked to the main concern, so for example frequently missing and drug use could be linked.
- c) No one indicator can confirm or exclude CSE.

Please look at the indicators and make a judgment about how worried you are in relation to each based on the evidence.

### 3 Screening Tool

<b>Child's Name</b>		<b>Child's D.O.B</b>	
<b>Is the child present at completion of the form?</b>			

<b>Details of Professional completing this tool kit</b>			
<b>Name</b>		<b>Telephone No.</b>	
<b>Job Title</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>			

<b>Date Completed</b>	
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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Suggested Risk Level</b> <i>(mark as appropriate x)</i>		
	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Health</b>			
Physical injuries			
Sexually transmitted Infections			
Pregnancy/requesting termination			
Sexually risky behaviour			
Self harming			
Suicidal thoughts			
Eating disorders			
Substance misuse			
Change in appearance (weight loss/gain)			
Learning difficulties			
<b>Notes</b>			

Indicator	Suggested Risk Level (mark as appropriate x)		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Children who are Looked After</b>			
Living in residential care			
Frequently absconding from placement			
Multiple placement break down			
Missing with other children			
<b>Notes</b>			

Indicator	Suggested Risk Level (mark as appropriate x)		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Family</b>			
Unable to disclose sexual orientation to family			
History of sexual, physical, emotional abuse or neglect			
Substance misuse within the family home			
Young carer			
Living in accommodation, other than at home			
Conflict at home, defying set boundaries			
Recent bereavement			
Adults loitering outside school or family home			
Wearing inappropriate clothing or hiding inappropriate clothing			
Attending nightclubs			
Persistently absconding, missing from home and school			
New contacts outside of normal friendship groups			
<b>Notes</b>			

Indicator	Suggested Risk Level (mark as appropriate x)		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Signs of Grooming</b>			
Getting in and out of vehicles where the driver is a stranger, often older.			
Separate mobile phones, calls at various times throughout the day and often at night.			
Reports that the child has been seen in places that have been linked to child sexual exploitation			
Having keys to unknown premises			
Inappropriate use of the internet			
Possession of jewellery, money and other unexplained gifts.			
Accounts of an active social life but no explanation for the funding to do so			
<b>Notes</b>			

Indicator	Suggested Risk Level (mark as appropriate x)		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Behaviour</b>			
Sexually offending behaviour and sexualised language			
High levels of non attendance at school			
Mood swings and change in behaviour			
Cruel treatment of animals			
Detachment from age appropriate activities			
Breakdown of relationships with parents and peer groups.			
Becoming involved in petty crime			
Low self esteem			
Anti-social behaviour			
Gang association			
Living in a gang related neighbourhood			
<b>Notes</b>			

Indicator	Suggested Risk Level (mark as appropriate x)		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Use of Phone/ Internet</b>			
Evidence of sexual bullying through use of mobile phones, computer/laptop, social websites			
Sending, receiving or accessing inappropriate images			
Concern that a young person is forced to send inappropriate images to others			
Bribery that a young person may sell 'themselves' sexually on line and providing sexually explicit images			
Accessing inappropriate dating/escort agencies			
Unexplained increase use of mobile phone for inappropriate activity.			
Excessive use of phone and internet			
Unwilling to share information or friends contacts on phone.			
Inappropriate on line relationship			
New contacts with friends outside of local area			
Isolating themselves from their normal friendship groups and social activities			
Increased time spent on Social websites such as Facebook,			
<b>Notes</b>			

**If professionals are concerned or need advice regarding their judgement on the indicators that a child or young person may be at risk please contact Brent Family Front on 020 8937 4300.**