

Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework (SERAF)



Child / young person

Name	
Date of birth	
Address	If looked after child, use placement address
Is the child receiving support services from any other agency	Yes/No
Please list other agencies	Eg: FYPS, Off the record, Brook, school health nurse, YOS etc
Has sexual exploitation been identified as a specific issue for this child?	Yes/No and brief details
Involvement with the youth justice system?	Yes/No & brief details
First Point Form Number	
School / College	If not full time table list details of provision

Vulnerabilities – factors that have been or are present in the child's lifetime. Include any knowledge about current impact (last 6 months) on the child.

Vulnerabilities	Y/N	Please provide details where this risk is identified
Emotional neglect by parent/carer/family member		Eg: Lack of interest/lack of emotional warmth/clear difference of treatment to other siblings/scapegoating
Sexual Abuse		Familial? Extra-familial? Inappropriate touching/exposure to/rape etc
Breakdown of family relationships		Separated parents/reconstituted/living within extended family/sibling living another family member/current risk of family breakdown for the {subject} child/violence within the home between siblings and/or adults
Family history of domestic abuse		Physical/sexual/verbal/emotional/controlling behaviours within family home between adult carers
Family history of substance abuse		This is not about the child subject, this is substance abuse by family members closely connected to the child including siblings.
Family history of mental health difficulties		As above
Low self esteem		

Unsuitable/inappropriate accommodation	Eg. Overcrowding/if not staying at family home and there are concerns about where YP is staying, this should go in here: eg we have heard of one YP who could be at home but chose to stay in a tent in the back garden of her boyfriends.
Isolated from peer/social networks	Is this longstanding or has there been a recent change?
Lack of positive relationship with a productive/nurturing adult	Consider personal and professional relationships the young person may have.
SECTION TOTAL 1: Vulnerabilities (score 1 for each ticked, if none ticked enter 0):	

Moderate risk indicators

Moderate risk indicators	Please tick if present on date of referral or during the past 6 months
Staying out late	Include details about frequency and how late/how long for when out late.
Multiple callers (unknown adults/older young people)	This is to the house/school gates, this could be in cars or by foot having had made arrangements with the young person to meet.
Use of a mobile phone that causes concern	Eg: Multiple phones? Sexting/phone calls followed by change in behaviour or whereabouts become quickly unknown or of concern, lots of calls and young person v anxious if they cannot respond to calls
Expressions of despair (self harm, overdose, eating disorder, challenging behaviour, aggression)	NB this is a MODERATE risk indicator and so should have some significance of concern
Exclusions from school or unexplained absences from or not engaged in school/college/training/work	
Disclosures of sexual/physical assault followed by withdrawal of allegation	NB allegations must be retracted for this to be ticked.
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)	
Peers involved in clipping/sexual exploitation	Clipping - receiving payment in exchange for agreement to perform sexual acts but not performing the sexual act.
Drugs misuse	What drugs? How often, alone or with others?
Alcohol misuse	As above
Use of the internet that causes concern	Arranging to meet unknown people who young person has met online/pornography – looking up sexual content on line/sending sexually explicit/indecent images/sexting via social media

Living independently and failing to respond to attempts by worker to keep in touch	
Associating with other sexually exploited children	Known or suspected names of associations will help ART make any necessary assessment.
SECTION TOTAL 2: Moderate risk indicators (score 1 for each ticked, if none ticked enter 0):	

Significant Risk Indicators - should only be selected in relation to adults outside the family (unless family member was facilitating exploitation)

Significant Risk Indicators	Score - 5 for each CURRENT (last 6 months) 1 for each RECENT (6-12 months) 6 for each BOTH (if none selected, enter 0)
Periods of going missing overnight or longer	ART will have this information if the YP has been formally reported; they can be contacted if you do not know this information.
Boyfriend / girlfriend relationship with controlling adult	What is being controlled and how? What is the age difference in the relationship? (boyfriend model of CSE)
Physical abuse by controlling adult/physical injury without plausible explanation.	Who is the adult and what is the relationship to the child; what do you know, if it its suspicion?
Emotional abuse by controlling adult (NOT parent / carer)	
Entering/leaving vehicles driven by unknown adults (not taking and driving away: car theft)	
Unexplained amounts of money, expensive clothing or other items	
Frequenting areas known for on / off street sexual exploitation	If in ICS check CSE list. Is the child going to people's houses, parks, areas known re. ASB etc
Child under 13? If so, add 5 to section total:	Yes / No

Perpetrator

Do you have any information that might identify an individual who might pose a risk to a child as a result of CSE?	
Name or nickname	Date of birth
Age	Gender
Guessed age would be of help	

Ethnic appearance	Any distinguishing features (tattoos, marks, scars)

Phone numbers	Address

Any social media your know they are using	

Vehicle

Make	Model	Colour	Registration

Any other details

Why do you think this person is a perpetrator and what is the relationship to the victim, is any?	Are there any risks that cannot be disclosed due to confidentiality/data protection?

SERAF Scale

SERAF Scale - add all three SECTION TOTALS together:	
Risk Category (see How to complete the SERAF for guidance):	

Professional Assessment

<p>What do you think is working well? strengths consider the holistic needs of the child</p>
<p>What are you worried about? make reference to each moderate and significant risk indicator ticked What does this SERAF tell you in relation to CSE/ other risks/ the lived experience of the child.</p>
<p>Professional judgement <i>Please use your professional judgement to reflect upon the indicators you have selected above and consider the health, welfare and safety of the child in question</i> <i>Make reference to CSE but also any other risks/ vulnerabilities you have identified from the SERAF</i></p>

What do you think needs to happen next?

Consider whether the current support plan addresses the risks/ vulnerabilities identified in the SERAF. What could help respond to these vulnerabilities? (This doesn't have to just relate to CSE).

Sign Off

Line manager's name	
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Line manager's comments	