**Exploitation Risk Assessment Checklist**

**Guidance**

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| **How to use this tool**  This tool is for you to make an initial assessment about the level or risk of exploitation. Consider each individual case in relation to all of the criteria in each of the three segments. The results can be used to determine the risk or presence of both sexual and criminal exploitation. The results are not a definitive assessment of risk. They should provide you with a structure to inform your judgement, analysis and risk management. If any indicators of critical risk are identified then immediate action needs to be taken to safeguard the individual(s). |

1. **Vulnerability Factors**

**Presence of these factors indicate an increased risk of sexual / criminal exploitation taking place.**

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| **Mark the box if the risk factor is present.** | **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** | **Detail** |
| 1. Isolation, lack of supportive social networks |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Breakdown of family relationships |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Lack of engagement / inconsistent engagement with formal support networks (i.e. often misses appointments) |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Friends/peers are victims of sexual / criminal exploitation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. History of local authority care |  |  |  |  |
| 1. History of abuse (including as a child) |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Low self-esteem |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Bereavement or loss |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Dependency on alleged perpetrator(s) |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Having a physical or learning disability/difficulty |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Having metal health needs or substance misuse issues |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Unstable housing situation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economic vulnerability |  |  |  |  |

1. **At Risk Indicators**

**Presence of these indicators detect identifiable features of sexual / criminal exploitation.**

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| **Mark the box if the risk factor is present.** | **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** | **Detail** |
| 1. Forced or coerced into making decisions |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Going missing for periods of time |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Unexplained increase in possessions or money |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Reduced contact with family, friends and other support networks. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Concerns expressed by family/friends. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use of internet, social media and mobile phone which is causing concern. (e.g. multiple handsets). |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Inconsistent use of contraception (risk of STI’s) |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Regular and/or concerning access of sexual health services |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Self-harming or significant changes in emotional wellbeing. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Change in presentation, demeanour or appearance |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Forced involvement in crime |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Funding use of drugs / alcohol / legal highs or tobacco through unknown sources |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Unexplained contact with hotels / taxis / fast food outlets |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Reported to have been in locations where there are known concerns relating to sexual / criminal exploitation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Gang association or isolation from peers or social networks. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Associating with known perpetrators of sexual / criminal exploitation. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Unexplained patterns of engagement i.e. disappearing from support systems with no contact or explanation. |  |  |  |  |

1. **Critical Risk Indicators**

**Presence of these indicators identify critical concerns of sexual / criminal exploitation.**

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| **Mark the box if the risk factor is present.** | **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t know** | **Detail** |
| 1. Groomed or abused via internet or mobile technology |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Physical injuries without plausible explanation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Carrying weapons |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Controlling partner / in fear of partner e.g. preventing access to services |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Disclosure of domestic abuse |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Forced or coerced into sexual / criminal activity in exchange for basic needs being met. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Being trafficked for the purpose of exploitation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Disclosure of sexual assault/ exploitation / criminal exploitation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Withdrawing allegations of sexual assault / exploitation |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Abduction and forced imprisonment |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Multiple pregnancies, miscarriages or terminations |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Recruiting others into sexual / criminal exploitation |  |  |  |  |

**Professional Assessment**

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| Please provides any information which you feel is relevant. Consider the victims situation in relation to factors such as needs for care and support, cultural or language barriers and their willingness to engage with services. |
| **What are the primary risks?** |
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| **Are there any protective factors?** |
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| **What are the views of the individual?** |
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| **Professional judgement** |
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| **What do we need to know more about?** |
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| **What needs to happen next?** |
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