

Wandsworth's Child/Young Person Exploitation Risk Assessment

A MARF will need completing for submitting with this assessment.

Please read the child exploitation protocol prior to completing this form.

All the following information is required when there are concerns regarding a child/young person being at risk of/or experiencing child exploitation. Where possible this assessment should be completed within **5 working days**.

Child/Young Person's Full Name:		Alias	
DOB:			Mosaic ID:

Professional Completing the Child/Young Person Exploitation Risk Assessment					
Name					
Job Title/Role					
Agency					
Address & Contact Details					
Date Assessment commenced		Date assessment completed		Initial/Review Assessment?	

Reason for completing this risk assessment:

Details of any known or suspected perpetrators:

Children/Young People can experience more than one type of exploitation; please check all that apply but indicate the type of exploitation you assess to be the primary concern.

<u>What are we worried about:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Child Sexual Exploitation		
Criminal Exploitation/County Lines		
Trafficking /Modern Day Slavery		
Serious Youth Violence and		

Gangs		
Harmful Sexual Behaviour		
Missing		
Radicalisation	Follow Prevent Pathway	

1. Are you aware if a National Referral Mechanism (NRM) form that has been completed for this child? YES / NO
 - If applicable, please provide date of referral to NRM:
2. Are you aware if a MARAC or MAPPA referral has been completed for this child/family? YES/NO
 - If applicable, please provide date of referral to MARAC or MAPPA:
3. Are you aware if a referral has been made to PREVENT for this child? YES/NO
 - If applicable, please provide date of referral to PREVENT and Channel Panel:
4. Are you aware whether the child has an EHCP Plan? YES/NO
 - If applicable, please provide the date the EHCP Plan was completed:

Professional Assessment of Risk Indicators

- The purpose of the Child/Young Person Exploitation Screening Tool is to support people to consider the risks and vulnerabilities that a professional may be observing in relation to a child/young person that may indicate that they are vulnerable or experiencing exploitation. Children/young people may be vulnerable to or experiencing more than one form of exploitation and the screening tool is designed to help professionals think across all child exploitation categories.
- It should be completed by any professional who has a concern that a child or young person is vulnerable too or may be experiencing child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, harmful sexual behaviour, gangs, serious youth violence, extremism, modern day slavery and those who are missing or being trafficked.
- **For those children and young people already open to children's social care this CE Screening Tool will act as the referral mechanism into the MARVE Panel and should be emailed to mash@wandsworth.gov.uk** For children and young people already open to children's social care a MARF is not required.
- In order to identify children/young people at risk of/or experiencing child exploitation it is imperative to complete a clear and concise assessment which includes the views of the child/young person, the family, and other professionals who are involved.
- The main heading risk indicators are not exhaustive; they are simply those most commonly recognised which may indicate a risk of exploitation; there may be other relevant factors

present which require consideration and analysis. **One** tick in a high-risk box, or several in low risk may indicate a serious risk of exploitation, alternatively this might be an indication of other concerns that require addressing via the child's overall plan, or by accessing other appropriate services.

- When assessing a child/young person's risk of exploitation, it is essential to highlight if the concerns and the information being provided is **current or historic**. If the concern or information is historic but relevant, it is necessary to evidence how this relates to the current assessed risk.
- When completing this risk assessment, it is crucial that the child/young person's use of **social media** is considered throughout.
- Young people aged 16 or over can still be at risk of/experiencing child exploitation and should not be viewed as lower risk due to their age.
- As MARVE also considers Care Leavers who are vulnerable up to 25 years this form should also be utilised for those young vulnerable adults who require a referral into the MARVE where there are risks of exploitation.
- Males can be at risk/experience child sexual exploitation and should not be viewed as lower risk due to their gender.
- Once a screening tool has been completed, local referral pathways need to be followed to ensure that where necessary a strategy meeting, multi-agency professionals meeting, child and family assessment and MARVE referral occurs to ensure appropriate risk assessment/planning is undertaken.
- Children and Young People with SEND may be at additional risk out of the family home or professional settings due to their specific needs and abilities. SEND may increase risk of marginalisation or be the focus of peer-on-peer abuse, being taken advantage of and being asked to undertake unsafe or exploitive activities. It is therefore important to ensure that this is carefully considered during assessment, planning and when completing the CE screening tool.
- If the child/young person has a lead professional via a Team Around the Child process, then the CE Screening tool should be completed within the TAC process including the parent. There should be an opportunity for the child/young person to contribute and parental consent is to be sought.
- Please send completed CE screening tool and completed MARF to mash@wandsworth.gov.uk for those cases not already open to children's social care.

For consideration: Children/young people at risk of/experiencing abuse may present with challenging behaviour. If you have identified that a child/young person is at risk, it is important to consider the impact any reduction in their school attendance via exclusions and reduced timetables may have upon their risk of harm. Any consideration of reducing school attendance for a child with identified Child Exploitation risk should be discussed with Children's Services and Partner Agencies to plan the most appropriate way forward to safeguard.

A TAC meeting must be held before exclusion is considered.

***Please indicate a level of risk and analysis against **ALL** the following risk indicators, ensure that as part of this we are clear what behaviours we are worried about & what is the evidence**

1. Family Relationships	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	No concerns regarding parenting, rules and boundaries not always adhered to by the child/young person, some recent change in behaviour.	
	Moderate	Some concerns regarding parenting capacity (this may include mental illness, substance misuse, capacity issues), poor/strained relationships, lack of communication and reduced contact or engagement.	
	Significant	Suspected or confirmed experience of physical, sexual or emotional neglect/abuse in family. Relationship breakdown/no contact. Lack of family support.	
Analysis	<i>Who are the significant adults in the child/young person's life, quality of relationships including attachment experiences, protective factors/risk factors? History of trauma including analysing impact of any intervention that has been undertaken on outcomes.</i>		
2. Peer Relationships	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Some concerns regarding risky friendships/negative influence.	
	Moderate	Change in child/young person's friends/associates with no contact with old friends, concerns regarding negative influence, some friends considered at risk of exploitation. Child/young person is being attracted to Gang related indicators/activities. Has relationships with a perceived negative imbalance of power. Believed to be spending time with local gangs.	
	Significant	Known association with gangs, peers involved in criminal/sexual exploitation. Concerns child/young person is being groomed in gang related activities or indicative activities. Loose association with pro-criminal peers and/or in the company of non-related adults. (often insist on remaining with the child/young person)	

Analysis	<i>Detail the child/young person's friends/associates, ability to form and maintain friendships, positive or negative influences, how and where they socialise/spend time, any indicators relevant to gang association including online activities? What information is known about the non-related adults e.g. involved in drug dealing, exploitation etc.</i>		
3. Accommodation	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Some concerns but overall accommodation meets the child/young person's needs	
	Moderate	Unsuitable, unstable, conditions are concerning. Registered at several addresses.	
	Significant	Temporary, overcrowded, unsupported, street homeless/sofa surfing or repeated breakdowns. Incidents of running away from home/care or going missing. Concern home is being exploited by gangs. Goes missing straight after placement.	
Analysis	<i>Who does the child/young person live with, detail the property and its condition, describe the local area and any concerns? Is the child/young person reporting they are staying with 'friends' but unable/unwilling to provide details or if details provided the 'friends are known to agencies and there are concerns? Need to be curious about modern slavery, servitude etc.</i>		
4. Education (When does attendance become a concern as a standalone issue)	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Mainly engaged, some limited concerns i.e. truanting/behaviour, decline in attendance or loss of interest in school.	
	Moderate	Irregular or low attendance, whereabouts often unknown, breakdown in school placements/fixed term exclusions. Noticeable change in child/young person's presentation in school.	
	Significant	Significant absence from school or no school placement/permanent exclusion or NEET. Whereabouts unknown when absent/missing from school.	
Analysis	<i>Detail attendance, attainment, support offered in School and any concerns raised. If missing/absent from education what is the pattern? This should include analysis around internal exclusions, the time travelling to and from school.</i>		

5. Emotional Health/behaviour	Risk Indicator	
	No known risk	No concerns identified.
	Emerging	Low self-esteem, confidence, struggles to verbalise feelings. Some signs of anger. Seeking a sense of belonging and acceptance. Some psychological trauma.
	Moderate	Significant low self-esteem, self-confidence, self-harm, overdosing, eating disorder, noticeable change/decline in emotional health. Child/young person is aggressive at home. Experience of bullying
	Significant	Recognised or suspected mental health needs. Regular self-harming, overdosing, suicidal attempts/ideation. Child/young person causing physical/emotional harm to others.
Analysis	<i>Describe how the child/young person presents emotionally, any identified triggers, support already in place? What has the child/young person found helpful/what exasperates the child/young person's emotional wellbeing? Add dates/details of any concerning incidents i.e. self-harm / overdose etc.</i>	
6. Experience of Violence (Relationship with pets/animals-violence/harm)	Risk Indicator	
	No known risk	No concerns identified.
	Emerging	Some concerns child/young person is experiencing/exposed to violence at home or in the community.
	Moderate	Reported concerns of violence at home or in the community. Evidence of injuries. Disclosures followed by withdrawal. Carrying weapons. Indicators of harm toward family pets with little remorse/empathy shown. Fire starting.
	Significant	Significant concerns child/young person is experiencing violence at home or in the community. Injuries, often unexplained or inappropriate explanation of presenting symptoms/injuries. Fear or refusal of accessing medical treatment. Reluctant to disclose. Intentional harm of an animal through wilful neglect, inflicting injury, pain, or distress or malicious killing.
Analysis	<i>Detail all known incidents, who is the victim/perpetrator, nature of injuries and treatment accessed or not accessed? Links between sexually harmful behaviour and harming animals.</i>	

7. Running away/going missing <i>(Remember to consider patterns of missing and absence episodes)</i>	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Stays out late, no missing episodes. Being on a part time timetable at school.	
	Moderate	Occasional goes missing for short or prolonged periods. Periods of absent from home/care or school. Non or poor school attendance/exclusions. Child/young person returns looking well cared for despite no known base while missing.	
	Significant	Frequently goes missing for short or prolonged periods. Tiredness and sleep deprivation, running away from home/care and going missing/sofa surfing/street homeless, not in school or NEET.	
Analysis	<u>Detail missing episodes – times, whereabouts, associates, where located, was they reported missing? Detail any information around missing education or issues with attendance/absences. Observations on missed curfew times and authorised absences.</u>		
8. Contact with abusive adults and/or unsafe environments <i>(think prevent conversations)</i>	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Some concerns child/young person is associating with adults/unsafe environments; this is a change in behaviour. Preoccupation with ideologies, groups.	
	Moderate	Child/young person is occasionally associating with adults/unsafe environments. Concerns regarding phone/social media use. Child/young person is in a 'relationship' with an older male or female.	
	Significant	Child/young person is frequency associating with adults/unsafe environments, secretive with phone, high volume of calls/texts being received. Getting in and out of cars/unknown premises. Significant concerns regarding Gangs. Debt bondage as a use of control, accompanied by adult who may not be legal guardian who insists on remaining with the child.	
Analysis	<u>Who are the adults, how are they known to the child, where is the child spending time and frequency of association? Change of views, possibly in dress, secretive-what does this look like?</u>		

9. Alcohol / substance misuse	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Occasional Use of alcohol and substances.	
	Moderate	Evidence of increasing or regular alcohol/substance misuse. Beginning to impair daily life and relationships.	
Significant	Evidence of frequent / dependant alcohol/substance misuse- particularly Class A. Impairing daily life and relationships, has impacted school and home.		
Analysis	<i>Detail nature of alcohol / substance misuse? Has the child been found in possession but not believed to be misusing?</i>		
10. County Lines <i>(consider other types of criminal exploitation)</i>	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified.	
	Emerging	Youth justice interventions or any offences (whether convicted or arrested)	
	Moderate	Child/young person identifies with urban street gang or county line including appearing to look up to or respect those involved or being friends/claiming friendship with those involved. Concerned by the presence of unknown youth in their neighbourhood. Increase in aggressive behaviour, intimidation or threats, suspected possession of knife or other weapons.	
Significant	Arrested/charged/convicted of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (particularly heroin and crack cocaine) or with large amounts of drugs. Child/young person arrested or found at an address which appears to be 'cuckooed.' Close association with pro-criminal peers who are involved in county lines activity and/or associating with known dealers/adults involved in county lines or urban street gangs. Multiple mobiles/changing phones frequently/increase in phone calls/texts from unknown numbers. Goes missing from home/placement/school for prolonged periods. Internally inserting drugs. Agencies unable to engage child/young person		
Analysis	<i>Detail the nature of the child/young person's arrests/charges or be specific about any concerns around possible drug supply/county line drug dealing. If there is a belief that the child/young person is linked to an urban street gang, detail the name of the gang, the young person's nickname/street name and any known associates. What are the area's where the child/young person is believed to be going or has been found?</i>		

11. Coercion / control (Consider any concerns about extremism/radicalisation)	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Some concerns the child/young person is vulnerable to coercion or control / negative influences. Anxiety about attendance at college/education sites/or in certain areas. Speech, language, social, emotional and communication difficulties may leave a child/young person more susceptible to coercion. Shows an emerging interest in ideologies. Changing online identity.	
	Moderate	Concerns child/young person presents coerced or controlled by others and displays signs of fear. Learning disabilities (diagnosed/undiagnosed) and intellectual vulnerabilities can leave some young people open to being taken advantage of by peers. Having more than one online identity. Changing friends and appearance. Accessing extremist online content	
	Significant	Significant concerns child/young person is being coerced, controlled, in fear of others. Has prepared story very similar to others/stories appear rehearsed-perhaps hinting they may have been coached. Being sympathetic to extremist ideologies/groups. Secretive and reluctant to discuss their whereabouts. Joining or trying to join an extremist organisation.	
Analysis	<u>Describe how the child presents? Detail the perpetrators and their behaviours? What are the concerns around extremism/radicalisation if any-be specific?</u>		
12. Unexplained items	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Suspect that child/young person has some unexplained items and no finances to have purchased these. Receiving 'gifts' and may be small items that seem innocuous like food.	
	Moderate	Evidence of concerns about unexplained items/'gifts' with no finances to purchase and no account given, or account doesn't fit.	
	Significant	Child/Young Person is in possession of significant unexplained items, no finances to purchase. More than one mobile phone and or sim card. Funding drugs/alcohol/tobacco through unknown sources. Debt bondage-where the young person is in debt and is used to control and punish the young person.	
Analysis	<u>What is the child in possession of? what moneys do they get from family? what is unexplained? Are there large amounts of money that do not match what is known about the child/young person? E.g. money, taxis, takeaways, drugs.</u>		

13. Sexual abuse concerns <i>(not dependant on disclosure if the referrer has reason to believe that a physical or sexual assault has occurred this should still be referred)</i>	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Concerns child/young person may be at risk of coercion into unhealthy relationships. Inappropriate sexual boundaries in the home, child/YP may have inadvertently accessed adult materials or seen adults naked etc. Siblings involved in sexual exploitation	
	Moderate	Suspicion child is being coerced into unhealthy relationships. Suspicion that the child is being coerced into sexual acts/at risk of sexual abuse, are not considered safe or child/young person is feeling pressured. Exposure to indecent images or is being encouraged into sexualised behaviour.	
	Significant	Evidence of sexual coercion, sexual assaults or rapes. Recurring or multiple STI's/signs of genital or anal injuries consistent with sexual assaults or violence, pregnancies – treated or untreated. Concerns child/young person is made to watch sexual assault / rape on others (consider boys/young men here too). Extreme sexualised or abusive behaviour towards animals can be an indicator of future harm including sexual toward children/adults.	
Analysis	<u>Detail nature of sexual health needs and any concerns? List any concerning people? Are Police involved and has child accessed sexual health services-still in window for forensic? Detail any injuries? Penetrative sexual contact with a Child under 13 will always constitute rape. Consideration should be given to the age of alleged perpetrators. May include familial sexual abuse not just exploitation or peer-on-peer.</u>		
14. Modern Slavery/Forced Marriage <i>(this may apply to vulnerable adults, children/young people)</i>	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Child/young person may not be attending school or education may be sporadic, unexplained moves or may not be able to provide explanation for moves. May not have learnt the language despite claims to have resided in the UK for years. The child/young person may talk about a family holiday abroad and seem anxious about this. Child/young person is removed from education, preventing further education or extra curricular activities.	
	Moderate	Registered at multiple addresses. There may be indicators of domestic servitude-appear to be under the control of someone else, child/young person has few personal belongings, may wear	

		the same clothes (uniform and day clothes) each day. Child/young person may fail to return home from a visit to the family's country of origin. Early and/or unwanted pregnancy. Announcement of engagement to a stranger not previously mentioned.	
	Significant	Entered the country illegally/unable to confirm how they arrived/no passport. Dropped off and collected from work always in the same way and at unusual times. Child/young person may go missing following placement. Appear frightened or withdrawn and may show signs of physical/psychological abuse. Domestic incidents or crimes at the family home-forced marriage may only become known years after the marriage has taken place. No access to internet, mobile phone, money.	
Analysis			
15. Risk to others	Risk Indicator		
	No known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Some concerns child/young person influences others into risky situations.	
	Moderate	Concerns child/young person is influencing other children/young people into risky situations and introducing to adults who pose a risk. Some bullying / threatening behaviour displayed.	
	Significant	Significant concerns child/young person is causing harm to other children/young people, introducing to adults or environments that pose a potential risk.	
Analysis	<u>Detail the behaviours displayed by the child/young person and to whom? Are any weapons involved? This includes sexually harmful behaviours.</u>		
16. Ability to identify exploitative behaviours	Risk Indicator		
	No Known risk	No concerns identified	
	Emerging	Some understanding and ability to recognise exploitative behaviours and safeguard themselves, including online. Significant numbers of followers on social media.	
	Moderate	Some understanding, cannot recognise exploitative behaviours and unable to apply knowledge to safeguard themselves, including online.	
	Significant	No recognition of exploitative behaviours and unable to safeguard themselves, including online. Including the sending and receiving of indecent images	
Analysis	<u>What is the child's understanding of exploitation, how are they able to safeguard themselves, what social media are they using and how are they keeping themselves safe online / identified risks?</u>		

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Identify Underlying Vulnerability Factors

Below is a list of vulnerability factors which have been linked to risk of child sexual exploitation through research and evidence. This table should assist practitioners' in considering vulnerability factors that increase risk for children and young people.

<u>Additional Vulnerability Factors:</u>			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Details:</u>
Lack of safe/stable home environment, now or in the past (domestic abuse and/or substance misuse and or mental health difficulties for example)			
Risk of forced marriage or honour based violence			
Absence of safe environment to explore sexuality.			
Learning disabilities/ special needs or mental health issues (child or parent)			
Homelessness or insecure accommodation status			
History of Local Authority care (parent or child)			
Prior experience of neglect, emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse in the family			
Parental history of non-engagement with support services/parental history of minimising, lack of understanding of risk.			
Criminality in family/Anti-Social Behaviour/Imprisonment (parents/relatives or child)			
Reduced capacity (due to age, education, experiences, mental health)			
Economic Vulnerability			
Social isolation or social difficulties			
Family conflict/breakdown,			

lack of love/security, bereavement through death, loss or illness of a significant person in the child's life			
Migrant/refugee/asylum seeker			
Views of the child/young person: (regarding any identified/ potential risks and any support they would want/need, regarding existing strengths and protective factors- <u>this should also include the child/young person's views and how they differ from professionals</u>)			
Has the child/young person contributed to this assessment (Yes/No and if no please explain why)			
Views of the parent/carer: (regarding any identified/ potential risks and any support they would want/need-any views that differ)			
Views of other professionals: (regarding risk of exploitation)			
Overall analysis	<u>Detail date referral was received / by who / and initial concerns. Analysis the information you have gathered during this assessment and what this is telling you about the child/young person, their life, and the current risk and protective factors. Consider: is this a repeat referral, any information that is missing from agencies, any grey areas and any other information which may be relevant and indicate a risk. Provide an overall views/risk level in respect of exploitation.</u>		

Wandsworth's Child/Young Person Exploitation Risk Assessment Decisions and Further Action

- On completion of this risk identification tool, please make an initial judgement about the level of risk of Exploitation for the child/young person.
- Please **tick** against your assessed level of risk and formulate a **robust safeguarding plan** in conjunction with the child, family, and other professional involved, in accordance with the Local Authority/WSCP procedures.

Overall Assessed Level of Risk

No risk	No identified risk of exploitation. Other identified concerns which may require alternative provision. (Consider Universal Services or an Early Help Assessment and additional support services if required)	
Emerging	Some concerns that the child/young person is vulnerable of exploitation. (MASH to consider if child/young person needs to be referred to MARVE. Consider Early Help Assessment which provides the child/young person with multi-agency support)	
Moderate	Child/young person is at risk of exploitation, concerns not immediate/urgent safeguarding. Child/young person may be a risk of opportunistic abuse or is being targeted/groomed. (MASH to consider if child/young person needs to be referred to MARVE and held within multi-agency process for risk monitoring and support. Consider Social Work Assessment and plan – Social Work Lead)	
Significant	Child/young person is at risk of exploitation or being exploited. (MASH to consider if child/young person needs to be referred to the MARVE and held within multi-agency process for risk monitoring and support. Consider Social Work Assessment/Strategy Meeting for Child in Need/Child Protection Plan – Social Work Lead)	

Generally, all Green, Amber and Red would be referred to MARVE and be triaged at the Operational Groups for final determination to MARVE Panel.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MASH ONLY:

Date risk assessment received into the MASH		Date risk assessment discussed by the MASH	
Which worker/agency will follow up consultation/joint visit		Date contact made with the referrer	

Advice or action taken					
Assessed Level of Risk		Is this the same level as above Yes/No?			
If level has changed please highlight what the lower or higher risks are					
Is the plan for the child/young person's name to be placed on the MARVE Yes/No?		Date of MARVE Meeting		Level of Risk on MARVE	

Review timescales

For those children/young people who are judged to be at emerging, moderate or significant risk of Exploitation, the level of risk must be reviewed with an updated risk assessment at the following frequency unless additional concerns are raised which require an immediate updated risk assessment.

Emerging – every 90 DAYS

Moderate – every 60 DAYS

Significant - every 30 DAYS