

### Contextual safeguarding risk analysis Tool

#### Existing Risk Factors (not exhaustive)

##### 1. Sexual Identity, Wellbeing and Choice

- Sexually transmitted infections/pregnancy/terminations
- Changes or out of character sexualised behaviour in an unsafe context or environment.
- Visible physical markings which would suggest sexual interaction i.e. love bites
- Displaying sexualised behaviour
- Victim / Witness of a Sexual crime
- Increasing use of sexualised language
- Talks about or witness to recent incidents of violence.
- Admits to carrying or will carry a weapon for self-protection.

#### Summary of evidence:

*Additional Written explanation and further info added here- free text*

##### 2. Absence, Truancy and Going Missing

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truancy /unexplained absences from school/permanently excluded</li> <li>• Staying out overnight /absences from the family home/placement</li> <li>• Extended periods of being missing from home / placement</li> <li>• Is there a change in routine or the above behaviours out of character for the child</li> <li>• Taken to parties, houses, unknown areas, hotels, nightclubs, takeaways or out of area by unknown adults</li> <li>• Returns from missing episodes with injuries or dishevelled /unkempt physical appearance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returning home with new unexplained clothing or belongings</li> <li>• Talking about travelling to different areas of cities</li> <li>• Persistently found in different areas of London</li> <li>• Found outside London Area – use of Train links etc (links to County Lines)</li> <li>• Found in possession of Paid Train tickets– Uber cars/coach tickets and consider mode of transport/payment</li> <li>• Abducted and forced imprisonment (described by young person as “locked in”)</li> <li>• Found in or linked to properties known to be linked to drugs or weapons</li> <li>• Found or linked to properties where vulnerable adults reside without a clear explanation for their link to the property</li> </ul> |
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**3. Family and Home**

- Neglect – Consider Emotional/Physical /Sexual - Lack of parental supervision
- Lack of positive relationships/understanding or trust within the household
- Evidence of decline in relationship and/or communication with family/parent/carer – out of character/changes in behaviour
- Reduced Contact with family/friends – out of character behaviour changes
- Known older siblings/family members involved in drug distribution/county lines/gangs/CSE – indicators/signs of the child is being groomed or targeted
- Family linked to serious and organised crime
- Family members victim of serious violence
- Parental absence
- Parental substance dependency

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**4. Emotional and Physical Health**

- Concerns of self-harm and/or eating disorders (especially new or increased)
- Difficulty in making or maintaining friendships with peers
- Increasing language in relation to drug dealing and/or violence
- Signs of withdrawal/distancing/low communication and secrecy i.e. experiences of trauma , PTSD
- Expressions around invincibility or not caring about what happens to them
- Changes in physical appearance or attire
- Increased concerns of:
  - -self-harm /
  - -Violent /
  - -emotional outbursts or
  - -bullying or threatening behaviour
- Increasingly disruptive, hostile or physically aggressive at home/placement or school
- Unexplained physical injuries suggestive of physical assault
- Marks/injuries not consistent with the explanation of the child
- Attendance at A&E with significant injuries (especially if caused by a knife/weapon)

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**5. Gangs, Groups, Age Gaps and Crime**

- Associating with known drug dealers / connections to county lines – indicators/signs of being targeted or groomed
- Forced to sell drugs to pay off debt e.g. drug debt (debt bondage)
- Threats to Life or threats of harm made to child / family
- Child forming new / unknown friendships or associations with older males/females
- Arrested /Come to Police attention in the following circumstances:
  - outside of London
  - arrested for drug related offences/ robbery/offensive weapons/ money laundering
  - within a cuckooed address
  - and there are indicators /signs of being targeted or groomed
  - Criminal gains not evident when clearly engaged in criminal activity

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**6. Use of Technology and Sexual Bullying**

- Receives an excessive number of text messages or phone calls i.e. being tasked to engage in criminality
- Chatroom attendance / On line dating
- Forming new associations online with older men/women
- Signs of Cyber Bullying and on-line grooming / sexting /Chatrooms/Apps consider perpetrators
- In possession of multiple handsets, sim cards / sim card packaging, ‘burner’ type handsets
- Possession of hotel keys/cards or keys to unknown locations

*\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another*

**Summary of evidence:**

**7. Alcohol and Substances**

- Frequenting/associating in areas for selling drugs -indicators/signs of being targeted or groomed
- Child has engaged or increased in either alcohol/drug use
- Found in possession /supply of drugs (especially heroin/crack cocaine)
- Found/frequenting in areas/properties known for drug activity i.e. Crack House /Cuckooing/Flophouse/ Traphouse

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**8. Receipt of Unexplained Gifts or Money**

- New or expensive possessions which cannot be accounted for
- Unexplained Money/mobile phones/phone credit/travelling in taxis/pre-paid rail/coach tickets
- Undertakes 'work' in return for material items or money

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**9. Distrust of Authority Figures**

- Resistance to communicating with parents, carers, teachers, social carers, health, police officers and others.

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**10 VOLT ANALYSIS**

- V – Victim (s)- who is the victim?
  - O - Offender (s) /Perpetrators/persons of concern- who are the perpetrators or those of concern?
  - L - Location (s)- where are the locations of concern?
  - T - Theme (s)- what are the themes coming out of the risk assessment? CCE/ CSE? Patterns of behavior/ profile or victims? Profile of perps?
- Summary of evidence:*

**11. Social workers Overall Assessed Level of Risk:**

Rating	Explanation	Tick risk level that applies.
No risk	No identified risk of exploitation. Other identified concerns which may require alternative provision. <b>(Consider Universal Services or an Early Help Assessment through Targeted youth services and additional support services if required)</b>	
Emerging	Some concerns that the child/young person is vulnerable of exploitation. <b>(Consider if child/young person needs exploitation strategy meeting to consider s.47 and/or referral to MARVE. Consider advice/referral to EVOLVE)</b>	
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. <b>(Consider if child/young person needs exploitation strategy meeting to consider s.47 and/or referral to MARVE. Consider advice / referral to ADO team and/or EVOLVE. Consider Social Work Assessment and plan – Social Work Lead)</b>	
Significant	Child/young person is at risk of exploitation or being exploited. <b>(Consider if child/young person needs exploitation strategy meeting to consider s.47 and/or referral to MARVE. Advice / referral to ADO team and/or EVOLVE. Consider Social Work Assessment and plan – Social Work Lead)</b>	

**12. Managers oversight/ comments and analysis:**

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