

## St Helena Government

# Exploitation Risk Identification Tool

### Details about the child, young person or adult

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
<b>Language</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact number</b>	

### Details about the person completing this tool

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Job title:</b>	
<b>Agency / Organisation:</b>	
<b>Contact telephone number (s)</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

**Risk identified (tick all that apply)**

<b>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)</b>	<b>Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)</b>	<b>Adult Sexual Exploitation</b>	<b>Adult Financial Exploitation</b>	<b>Adult Criminal Exploitation</b>	<b>Modern Day Slavery</b>

**Signed** .....

**Date:**

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		<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>	
<b>Family Relationships</b>	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
	Low	Carer(s) show warmth, support the child / adult and have good /positive communication with them.  The child / adult has positive friendships.  Reported reduced contact with family /parental concern.	
	Medium	Carer(s) lack understanding, tolerance, and warmth towards the child / adult. Parents / carers fail to report missing episodes.  Family relationships are strained. Domestic abuse and or violence in the family.  Friends /carers report a change in behaviour /reduced contact with the child / adult.  Family of child / adult are known offenders.	
	High	There is little or no communication between the carer(s). There is a lack of warmth/understanding, / attachment and /or trust. Missing episodes are not reported.  Breakdown in family relationships / no contact with child / adult.  Family /Friends /peers are known offenders.  Domestic violence in the family.	
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>			

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Accommodation	Examples of Risk Indicators	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
	Low	Some accommodation issues/concerns, but overall accommodation meets the adult / child /young person's needs and they feel safe.
	Medium	Unsuitable / Unstable / Temporary accommodation.  Overcrowded.  The adult / child is unhappy with their accommodation.
	High	Unsuitable / Unstable / Temporary accommodation.  The adult / child is unhappy with their accommodation & often stays elsewhere.  Homeless or Sofa surfing  Unknown or unsafe adults have moved into the property with the child / adult –
<b>Information gained and your assessment</b>		

Education	Examples of Risk Indicators	
	No risk Identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
Low	Mainly engaged in employment / school /training. Mainly positive relationships in education.  Some truanting.	

	Medium	<p>Full time education /training or employment but irregular /poor attendance. Whereabouts during school hours often unknown.</p> <p>Regular breakdown of school /training placements due to behavioural problems.</p> <p>Part-time timetable / off-site provision.</p> <p>Noticeable change in attendance, performance or behaviour.</p>	
	High	<p>Regular breakdown of school /training placements due to behavioural problems.</p> <p>Not engaged in education/employment or motivated to be.</p> <p>Part-time timetable / off-site provision.</p> <p>Excluded. Whereabouts often unknown.</p>	
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>			

<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>			
<b>Health</b>	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
	Low	<p>Fatigue / poor self-image / expressions of despair / low mood.</p> <p>Self harm / eating disorder.</p> <p>Repeated presentations within health services.</p>	
	Medium	<p>Chronic low self-esteem / self confidence</p> <p>Expression of despair. Suicidal ideation.</p> <p>Repeated presentations within health services.</p> <p>Self harm / eating disorder.</p> <p>Unexplained injuries.</p> <p>Bullying / threatening behaviour / violent outbursts / offending behaviour</p>	
	High	Chronic low self-esteem / self confidence. Expression of despair.	

		<p>Unexplained injuries.</p> <p>Self harm / eating disorder.</p> <p>Repeated presentations within health services.</p> <p>Bullying / threatening behaviour / violent outbursts / offending behaviour.</p> <p>Previous suicide attempts.</p> <p>Mental health problems.</p>	
<b>Information gained and your assessment</b>			

<b>Running away / going missing</b>	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>		
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
Low	<p>Often comes home late.</p> <p>Missing during school / work day.</p> <p>Incidents of absence without permission or consent.</p>		
Medium	<p>Frequently staying out late or overnight without permission / explanation.</p> <p>Repeated episodes of running away / going missing.</p> <p>Looking either well cared for or particularly unkempt on return from missing episodes.</p>		
High	<p>Frequent periods of missing. Whereabouts often unknown through the day / night.</p> <p>Missing with other young people or adults assessed at risk of exploitation.</p> <p>Looking either well cared for or particularly unkempt on return from missing episodes.</p> <p>Located in areas they are not familiar with and have no links to and / or located in other houses, areas of the island with no transport links / networks.</p> <p>Pattern of homelessness.</p>		

<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>	
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<b>Peer relationships and/or contact with abusive adults</b>	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation
	Low	Associating with unknown adults/older peers and/or other exploited children / adults. Change in friendship group and support networks.
	Medium	Extensive use of phone ( late at night, secret use) and/or use of more than one mobile phone.  Reports from reliable sources suggesting involvement in exploitation.  Violence within peer group or with other adults.  May be linked to a adults who pose a risk to vulnerable people.
	High	Extensive use of phone ( late at night, secret use) and/or use of more than one mobile phone.  Evidence of association /relationships with adults /older peers believed /known to be involved in grooming /exploitation, financial, sexual and or criminal.  Violence within peer group.  Significant age gap in interpersonal relationships.
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>		

<b>Concerning environments, places and/or spaces</b>	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
Low	Spending time where antisocial behaviour is known to take place.	

		Visiting establishments that adults frequent.	
	Medium	<p>Living in an area or neighbourhood where exploitation is known to take place.</p> <p>Reported to be spending time in areas where antisocial behaviour / exploitation / gang activity / street sex work is known to take place.</p> <p>Reported to be visiting establishments that are predominantly frequented by adults.</p> <p>Has access to premises not known to parent / carer.</p>	
	High	<p>Seen to be picked up in or spending time in areas where antisocial behaviour / gang activity / exploitation / street sex work is known to take place.</p> <p>Regularly seen in establishments that are predominantly frequented by adults.</p> <p>Has access to premises not known to parent / carer.</p> <p>Known to visit or have visitors who pose a risk of exploitation to vulnerable children and or adults.</p>	
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>			

	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>		
<b>Substance misuse</b>	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
	Low	Occasional low level use of substances (including alcohol) Experimenting with drugs /alcohol	
	Medium	<p>Evidence of regular substance (including alcohol) use.</p> <p>Concerns for use / dependency &amp; change / increase of use</p>	
	High	<p>Evidence of heavy /dependant /worrying substance misuse (including alcohol).</p> <p>Chronic dependency of addictive substances.</p> <p>Concerns for use / dependency / increase of use, /funding of usage.</p>	
<b>Information gained + your</b>	Consider the type of substance misused/ how the young person is funding their use /who is supplying		

<b>assessment</b>	them.
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<b>Coercion / control</b>	<b>Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
	Low	Reduced contact with family / friends who are safe within their network / support.
	Medium	Limited contact with family / friends. Appears to be 'controlled' /negatively influenced by others. Physical injuries – external / internal Concerns about significant relationships and domestic abuse /violence
	High	No contact with family / friends. Concerns that relationship might involve abuse /violence/ be controlling. Disclosure of physical / sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation. Physical injuries – external / internal Forced imprisonment / Abduction Disappears from system (no contact with support systems) Money / food or household items regularly going missing – Taken to the bank by unknown or unsafe people to withdraw funds
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>		

<b>Rewards</b>	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation
Low	Possible unaccounted for monies and/or goods.	



		Ability to fund goods such as food / travel.	
	Medium	Some unaccounted for monies and/or goods. Funding misuse of drugs /alcohol /use of tobacco through unknown sources. Some concerns about how items such as fast food/taxi fares etc are funded.	
	High	Significant concern regarding unaccounted for monies and / or goods. Has unexplained use of or access to non-tangible goods e.g. mobile phones, electronic items money, make-up, alcohol and fast food Talks about gaining status / protection / belonging from a group or individual in a position of power. Has unexplained use of more than one mobile phone. Funding misuse of drugs / alcohol / use of tobacco through unknown sources.	
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>			

	<b>Examples of Risk Indicators</b>		
<b>Sexual health &amp; relationships</b>	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
	Low	Sexually active in consensual peer relationship. Possible sexually transmitted infections (STIs).	
	Medium	Recurring or multiple sexually transmitted infections. Concerns about untreated STI's Miscarriage(s) Termination(s). Not accessing sexual health support or practicing safe sex.	
	High	Recurring or multiple STI's. Concerns about untreated STI's. Not accessing sexual health support or practicing safe sex. Miscarriage(s), Termination(s) Physical injury and or symptoms suggestive of sexual assault. Pressured to have sex / perform sexual acts in exchange for monies / goods / status / protection / substances / affection.	

<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>	
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<b>Offending behaviour</b>	<b>Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
	Low	Starting to associate with problematic peer group. Some anti-social behaviour.
	Medium	Known to police. Peers known to police. Involved in antisocial/criminal behaviour. Known to Youth Justice Service. May carry weapons.
	High	Repeat offences, particularly related to drugs or violent crime. Repeat offences of the same nature (e.g. theft) Confirmed to carry weapons. Linked to gang activity.
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>		

<b>Risk to others</b>	<b>Risk Indicators</b>	
	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
Low	No identified risk to others	

		Mild concerns about influence on other children & young people.	
	Medium	Concerns that the child / young person might expose others to risky situations. Bullying and threatening behaviour. Offending behaviour.	
	High	Places others at risk of child exploitation via friendships / associations / places. Displays violence towards others (including family members and carers) Bullying and threatening behaviour Harmful sexual behaviour motivated by peer pressure.	
<b>Information gained + your assessment</b>			

	<b>Risk Indicators</b>		
<b>Engagement with services / positive activities</b>	No risk identified	No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.	
	Low	Lack of engagement, some difficulty in contacting the child or adult. Accesses universal positive activities (island groups, church / faith groups, sports clubs / youth groups etc.).	
	Medium	Some engagement but sporadic contact. Often misses appointments or engages suddenly at crisis points	
	High	Brief engagement, frequently fails to attend appointments. Concerning change in behaviour. No contact/ engagement. Sudden engagement at crisis point. No positive activities identified.	
<b>Information gained + your</b>			

<b>assessment</b>	
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**Other factors to consider and information gained.**

<b>Other child &amp; family factors to consider</b>	<p><b>Family:</b> Abuse and/ or neglect in family; parental substance misuse; exposure to adult sex work</p> <p><b>Child / adult:</b> Learning disabilities; financially unsupported; migrant /refugee /asylum seeker; death, loss or illness of a significant person in the child or adults life</p>
<b>Information gained and your assessment</b>	<p><b>Other information, such as the name of adults / peers about who there are concerns and places of concern.</b></p>

**Please make an overall assessment of the risk of or experience of Child Exploitation below**

<b>No risk</b>	The assessment provides no current evidence that the child /young person is currently at risk of, or experiencing, exploitation.	
<b>Low Risk</b>	<p>The indicators raise some concerns that the child may be at risk of being targeted or groomed.</p> <p>Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team manager.</p> <p>Child / adult may require a referral to specialist services or early help support.</p>	

	<p>A discussion could be held with the Children's Services Duty and Advice Team.</p> <p>If the child/young person has an allocated social worker, a discussion should be held with them and the tool shared with them.</p> <p>If the decision is no further action, or to offer advice, support, guidance, intervention within the home agency and not to contact Children's Services Duty &amp; advice or the child's social worker, this must be recorded in child's record /file.</p> <p>Review this risk identification tool in three months.</p>	
<b>Medium Risk</b>	<p>Indicators that the child/young person or adult is vulnerable to being exploited. They may be at risk of opportunistic abuse.</p> <p>Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For Children the practitioner must contact Children's Services Duty and Advice Team if there is not an allocated social worker, Tel 23312</li> <li>● For Adults the Practitioner must contact Adults Social Care Tel: 22920</li> </ul> <p>Review this risk identification tool in three months if there is no Children's Social Work Service Involvement.</p>	
<b>Highest Risk</b>	<p>Indicators /Assessment /Evidence /Disclosure denote that the child is at immediate risk of, or is experiencing exploitation (they may not recognise this)</p> <p>Seek advice / guidance from your designated safeguarding lead / team manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For Children the practitioner must contact Children's Services Duty and Advice Team if there is not an allocated social worker, Tel 23312</li> <li>● For Adults the Practitioner must contact Adults Social Care Tel: 22920</li> </ul> <p>The practitioner must contact Children's Services Duty and Advice Team if there is not an allocated social worker. Tel:</p> <p>If it is felt that a child is at immediate risk of harm, the Police must be contacted on 999</p>	

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