

Child Sexual Exploitation Indicators of Need

Category 1

NO PERCEIVED CSE RISK

Demonstrating usual teenage behaviour

REPORT any concerns in category 2,3 or 4 to Family Connect: 01952 385385

Non emergency West Mercia Police: 101

Emergency Police: 999



Category 2

AT RISK

- Regularly coming home late or going missing
- History of abuse (including familial child sexual abuse, physical, emotional abuse and neglect)
- Staying out overnight with no explanation
- Overt sexualised dress
- Sexualised risk taking including on the internet
- Associating with unknown adults
- Reduced contact with family, friends and other support networks
- Experimenting with drugs and/or alcohol
- Changes to usual pattern of social media use
- Poor self-image
- Eating disorders
- Superficial self-harm
- Expressions of despair
- Attendance of sexual health clinics
- Being seen in CSE hotspots – known houses or recruiting grounds
- Non school attendance or exclusions
- Repeat offending
- Increasingly disruptive, hostile or physically aggressive behaviour at home or school, including the use of sexualised language
- Child is a migrant, a refugee or an asylum seeker
- Unsure about their sexual orientation

Category 3

SIGNIFICANT HARM

- Getting into vehicles with known or unknown adults
- Associating with adults to be linked to CSE
- Associating with other young people at risk of CSE or those known to be exploited
- Disclosure and/or withdrawal of a complaint of physical assault, with no substantiating evidence
- Reports of being involved in CSE through being seen at hotspots
- Adult “boyfriend/girlfriend”
- Unaccounted for money or goods, for example mobile phones, drugs and alcohol. Including having multiple phones, SIM cards
- Multiple phone callers, use of phone that causes concern
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Previous victim of sexual abuse
- Association with gangs or constrained by rule of gangs
- Concealed/concerning use of the internet including web cam, online gaming, chat rooms
- Evidence of sexual bullying/vulnerability through the internet and or social media sites
- Marks, scars or physical injuries on the body that they try to conceal
- Missing/excluded from school
- Breakdown of residential placements

Category 4

SERIOUS HARM

- Rape
- Child under 13 years old engaging in sexual activity
- Pattern of street homelessness and staying with an adult to be sexually exploiting by them
- Child under 18 meeting different adults and exchanging or selling sexual activity
- Being taken to clubs and hotels by adults and engaging in sexual activity
- Disclosure of serious sexual assault and/or withdrawal of statement
- Abduction and forced imprisonment
- Being moved around for sexual activity
- Disappearing from the system with no contact or support and pre-existing CSE concerns
- Being sold/trafficked
- Multiple miscarriages or terminations
- Indicators of CSE with chronic alcohol and drug use
- Indicators of CSE with serious self-harming
- Evidence of internet exploitation, for example exchanging of images
- Gang member or association with gangs
- Receiving rewards of money or goods for recruiting peers into CSE
- Risk of HBV/Forced marriage