

# PAN CHESHIRE CHILD EXPLOITATION SCREENING TOOL



This Child Exploitation (CE) Screening Tool should be used by all professionals working with children. Professionals may also decide it is appropriate to use the tool to screen younger children as nationally children as young as 8 years old have been found to be sexually or criminally exploited in this way.

This CE Screening Tool will help you focus on the specific indicators of Child Exploitation and determine whether further investigations are needed. The tool could be used in supervision, in discussions with parents and carers, with other professionals and with the child.

Many of the indicators of Child Exploitation are also part of normal teenage behaviours and it is the presence of higher risk factors or multiple other factors which may be indications of child sexual or criminal exploitation. **However for younger children the presence of any one high risk factor may be seen as a potential indicator of exploitation.**

Professionals need to exercise their own professional judgement when completing the tool. This includes capturing concerns about which they have some evidence **AND** concerns based on their "gut feelings". Staff should differentiate between the two and explain this in the notes section.

Professionals should feel free to use the tool creatively, including as part of awareness raising work with children or in engaging parents and carers in understanding the issues.

Where Child Exploitation, or the risk of it, is suspected, frontline practitioners should **always** complete the Pan Cheshire CE Screening Tool and discuss the case with a manager or the designated member of staff for child protection within their own organisation. If, after discussion there remain concerns, a referral **MUST** be made to Children's Services using the screening tool via the appropriate routes within the local authorities' levels of need. **(Contacts on the following page)**

When practitioners have concerns that a child is linked to a perpetrator(s) or other young people at risk of CE or has concerns about a location or adult a referral to the local CE Operational Group/Team **(via your local information form)** must also be completed and should include a copy of the completed CE Screening Tool.

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<b>Child's Surname:</b> Bloggs	<b>Child's forenames:</b> Joe
<b>Gender identity:</b> Male	
<b>Address(es) of child:</b>  123 Pan Cheshire Drive Cheshire CW1 111	<b>DOB:</b> 1/1/2001
<b>Date CE Tool completed:</b> 1/10/2018	<b>School/College:</b> Cheshire High School, Cheshire
<b>Who has parental responsibility for the child?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Special Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Parent & Social Care  <b>Name and Contact Details:</b>	<b>Are there any siblings or other children at the address?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>Details:</b>  Brother- John Bloggs- DOB: 1/5/2003
<b>Main Language(s) Spoken by the child:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify):  <b>Does the child require an interpreter:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Does the child have a disability or communication impairment:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>Details:</b>  Preferred method of communication (e.g. signing, hearing loop, Makaton etc.): N/A
<b>Name and job title of person completing:</b> Jane Teacher	<b>Organisation:</b> Cheshire High School, Cheshire
<b>E-mail:</b> jane.teacher@cheshireschool.com	<b>Telephone:</b> 1234 123456
<p><b>On completion this form must be sent to the agency lead professional (e.g. social worker), if there is one.</b>  <i>Please note if there is a concern that the lead professional has not responded to you in respect of any concerns identified for this young person the escalation process for the Local Authority must be followed.</i></p> <p><b>Lead Professional Name (Should be Social Worker where open to Social Care):</b> Sally Social  <b>Lead Professional Organisation:</b> Children's Social Care- CIN Team  <b>Lead Professional Contact Number:</b> 123 123123  <b>Lead Professional Email:</b> sally.social@socialworker.com</p> <p><b>A copy of this form should also be sent to the relevant Children's social care contact point</b>  Cheshire East - ChECS Team – <a href="mailto:checs@cheshireeast.gov.uk.cjism.net">checs@cheshireeast.gov.uk.cjism.net</a>  Cheshire West - iART - <a href="mailto:i-ART@cheshirewestandchester.gcsx.gov.uk">i-ART@cheshirewestandchester.gcsx.gov.uk</a>  Warrington - Assessment and Intervention– <a href="mailto:childreferral@warrington.gcsx.gov.uk">childreferral@warrington.gcsx.gov.uk</a>  Halton - CART - <a href="mailto:contactandreferralteam@halton.gcsx.gov.uk">contactandreferralteam@halton.gcsx.gov.uk</a></p> <p>For perpetrators or locations please submit to relevant Public Protection Unit and CSE/ CE Operational group:  For Halton and Warrington <a href="mailto:northern.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">northern.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>  For Cheshire West and Cheshire <a href="mailto:western.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">western.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>  For Cheshire East <a href="mailto:eastern.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">eastern.ppu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a></p>	

**What level is the child currently open to:**

- No Plan  
 CAF/TAF/Early Help Plan  
 Undergoing Social Care Assessment  
 Child in Need Plan  
 Child Protection Plan  
 Cared For  
 S.20     Full Care Order     Interim Care Order  
 Child in Care of another Local Authority  
 S.20     Full Care Order     Interim Care Order

**Which CE Concerns have been identified (based on the indicators list following):**

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)  
 Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)  
 Both CSE & CCE  
 Modern Slavery/ Trafficking

**Details of potential risks to other children or vulnerable adults; links with other children, associates, perpetrators and locations the child frequents- please provide as much detail as is known (e.g. addresses, vehicle registration plates). Please provide names (including nick names), descriptions of possible adult / peer perpetrators and any gang associations.**

Joe has links to someone called 'Digger' who we believe lives in Liverpool. Joe's dad thinks that his name might actually be John Doe, but doesn't know this for sure as in all the correspondence he has seen on Joe's phone and overheard on the phone he is only referred to as Digger. He has shared that he has found Joe in Moss Park camping and other parents have informed him that this is known to be an area where cannabis and MDMA is being sold. He also believes that 'Digger' drives a white Vauxhall van however he didn't catch the full licence plate number, but knows that the last 2 letters are 'CC'.

Joe is often in contact with another student, Mick Cheshire (DOB 1/2/2001) and there are concerns that Mick is also associating with 'Digger'.

*\*Why is this a "good" example:*

*The referrer has included all intelligence that they are aware of. Whilst full name details are always better, if only nicknames are known this should also be shared as this helps to build intelligence and the nickname may already be known to police through other pieces of intelligence or other children being referred in.*

*Providing the information about the park he has been found in is also useful as this gives agencies information to be able to look into further as a means of disrupting further activity in this area.*

*Providing known details of any vehicle is also useful, even if full details aren't known as this can be looked into, and further helps to gather a picture of who the potential perpetrator is. Again, more detail is always preferable if it is known.*

*Providing details of known peers/friends helps provide a bigger picture of risk. It enable Social Care and police to ensure the safety of these children as well and consider whether these children are also at risk and require appropriate supports putting in place to safeguard them.*

**Who does the child identify as having key relationships with? (Their social network)**

Joe describes having a good relationship with his Dad, but not his mum. He has a younger brother who he said he finds annoying and wouldn't speak to if he was worried or upset about something.

Joe says he likes his Social Worker, Sally, and that he knows she is there to help him out if he gets "caught up" in any issues.

He also says he feels he can speak to me about any worries he has.

He says he has a best friend, Mick (details above), but says he doesn't really have any other friends he would describe as having a good relationship with.

*Why is this a "good" example:*

*Knowing who a child engages with is really important as it helps to form a wider picture of the child's lived experience, as well as helping to identify who is best placed to help support the child. It also helps to identify if there are any gaps in the child's life where they have no appropriate or positive support networks which needs further exploration.*

*This example gives a good breakdown of who the child has in their life and how they feel about those relationships.*

**Was the child involved in completing the CE Tool?**

Yes  No

**If No, Why Not:**

**What are the child's views with regards to the concerns identified?**

Joe knows that his parents, Social Worker and myself are all concerned about him, in particular the recent issues he has had with regards to offending and substance misuse. He says he isn't worried and that he feels like he has full control of the situation, but he does worry that if he gets in trouble with the police again in the future they may not be as easy on him as they were this time. He does worry about what custody would be like. He doesn't see his cannabis use as an issue for him at the moment, and feels that he is managing this and that he doesn't need any support around this.

*\*Why is this a "good" example:*

*It is important to know if the child shares the concerns or understands why the people around them are concerned. Understanding their views helps to understand the level of risk- if the child is fully aware of the risk and wants support in reducing this, that can be viewed as a protective factor as they are willing to address the issues or concerns, however if the child doesn't view their circumstances as risky or doesn't want to change the risks, then this heightens concerns.*

*Having this information helps to inform what needs to happen. This example shows clearly what Joe feels about the concerns presented to him.*

*\*\*If the child wasn't involved in completing the tool there should be a good explanation as to why it was felt that this was not appropriate in the circumstance or why the child did not engage and what attempts were made to encourage engagement.*

**Was the child's parent/carer involved in completing the CE Tool?**

Yes  No

**If No, Why Not: N/A**

**What are their views with regards to the concerns identified?**

Joe's father, Rick Bloggs came into school and met with me and raised the concerns about Joe's behaviours. He is really worried about the path Joe is taking, particularly his being arrested recently. He wants as much support for Joe as possible to try and stop things spiralling further out of control.

*\*Why is this a "good" example:*

*Parents and carers are really key protective factors in most cases. They see the child at home, and are able to monitor comings and goings, devices, internet usage and phone calls. They often are a key part of the overall plan so it is important that their views are included and they are part of the planning process. It is clear in this example that Joe's dad is worried and wants to make sure there is support in place to reduce the risks.*

**SCREENING CHECKLIST:**

**Abuse / Neglect ▼**

History of abuse or neglect  Yes  No  Possible  
 Current experience of abuse or neglect  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:** Joe was open to Children's Social Care on a Child Protection Plan when he was 4 due to physical abuse perpetrated by his mother. Joe's parents are very open about this and have made a lot of effort to make sure this does not occur again and there have been no further concerns of abuse or neglect since the Child Protection Plan was closed. He is currently open on a CIN Plan but this is due to the increase in concerns around his criminal behaviour.

**Abduction ▼**

Thought to have been abducted  Yes  No  Possible  
 Child states they have been abducted  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:** No information or evidence of this at this time.

**Alcohol/ Drug ▼**

Experimenting with alcohol, drugs or other substances including novel psychoactive substances  Yes  No  Possible  
 Regular use of alcohol or drugs – cannabis; novel psychoactive substances  Yes  No  Possible  
 Concern that the child is selling and/or providing drugs to others  Yes  No  Possible  
 Long term / prolific alcohol or drug use / dependence on alcohol or drugs  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:** Joe openly states that he is using cannabis on a daily basis but states he doesn't see this as a problem and doesn't wish to stop. He has recently been caught with a large quantity of MDMA and cannabis and police suspect that this was for dealing. Other students at school have reported that Joe is dealing to other students. Joe's father states that he has not given Joe pocket money since he started to notice him regularly being under the influence of cannabis so is really concerned about how he is able to afford to keep smoking it daily which further heightens concerns around drug dealing and possible exploitation. Joe has admitted to trying crack recently but stated that he doesn't like the feeling it gives him, but this does suggest he is open to experimentation.

I have stated that Long Term drug use/dependence of drug use is possible as this may account for why Joe doesn't wish to stop using drugs, but this area does need some further exploration with him.

Joe has a worker from Youth Justice, Jan Jones, who is working with him around his substance misuse as well as making sure Joe is fully aware of the legal implications and consequences of dealing drugs. Jan has also provided me with some of the work she has completed with him and I ensure that I reinforce this within my informal catch up sessions with Joe in school.

*\*The referrer has provided information as to why they have said yes or possible and*

provided explanation as to what is being done as part of the child's plan to address this particular area of risk\*

**Associations ▼**

Associating with unknown peers/ associating with older peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Associating with unknown adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Associating with an adult or peer thought to pose risk to children	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible
Associating with other children thought at risk of being exploited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
New contacts with people not local to the area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Reports that child has been seen in or thought to have visited "hot spot" locations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Travelling unaccompanied to meet an adult known to pose risk or an unknown adult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Entering vehicles or travelling with an adult known to pose risk/ an unknown adult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Associating with peers/adults known for drug intelligence and/or criminality	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible
Possessing keys to unknown properties	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe's father has provided information that he knows his son is spending time with an adult male known as "Digger". I have said possible for whether he is known for drug intelligence or criminality as I am not 100% sure if he is known for this; however local hearsay suggests that he is a drug dealer from the Liverpool area. I have also said possible for whether he is a risk to children as I am also not 100% sure on this however if it is known that he is dealing drugs to children then it would change to yes.

Joe's friend Mick is also spending time with "Digger" and his associates based on what other children are saying and I have also completed a screening tool for him as I am concerned that they are both being exploited.

I have directly passed the information about "Digger" provided by Joe's dad to his Social Worker, Sally, and it was confirmed in his CIN Meeting earlier in the week that this has been passed to Cheshire Police for further checks.

I have also advised Joe's dad that he should immediately contact the police with any new intelligence or information of concern which may suggest who Joe is with or where he may be when he is out.

\*It is important that where "Possible" is being identified, that the reasons as to why this is possible is included as shown in this example. The referrer has also clearly stated what they did with the information to be able to escalate the concerns\*

**Behaviour/Presentation ▼**

Displaying a change in behaviour/ presentation/ mood/ attitude/ appearance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Volatile/ abusive behaviour / aggression to family member, carer or animal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Volatile/abusive behaviour/ aggression to member of community/ peer group	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

We have noticed a change in Joe's behaviour over the past 6 months in school. He used to be very polite, calm and would openly come up and speak to staff in school. We didn't have any concerns about his behaviour in school however he now regularly comes to my attention due to behaviour in class. He has become isolated from his previous friendship group and stays mostly to himself.

At school he is now on a behaviour plan where he has to report to the teacher at the end of each lesson. He is also having 1:1 sessions with a learning mentor, Kim, so that he has

someone to talk to and who can check in with him daily.

Joe's father has reported that he has become really volatile at home. He said that he has become physically aggressive to him as well as well as punching his younger brother regularly with no obvious triggers. This is being addressed through the CIN Plan and both parents have attended a parenting course to look at how they manage his behaviour within the home.

*\*Clear explanation of why 'yes' has been selected and how this is being managed by the referrer\**

**Bereavement** ▼

Has the child/young person experienced a bereavement or loss impacting upon their behaviour or mental health  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe was close to his paternal grandmother who passed away 6 months ago. Joe's father doesn't feel that Joe has dealt with this well and feels that this is around the time Joe's behaviour started to change. This also fits with changes in Joe's behaviour in school.

Joe has been offered counselling support, however currently is refusing to engage in this. We have provided him with details of Kooth so he can access support if he requires.

*\*Clear explanation of what the bereavement is, and what the referrer has done to address the risk already\**

**Bullying** ▼

Being bullied  Yes  No  Possible

Bullying others  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

No current evidence to suggest either

**Coercion/Control** ▼

Reduced contact with family or friends  Yes  No  Possible

Detachment/ isolation  Yes  No  Possible

Threats made to child, family or home / child experiencing or threatened with violence or intimidating behaviour  Yes  No  Possible

Child has engaged in sexual activity as a result of feeling threatened, coerced or intimidated  Yes  No  Possible

Child has engaged in criminal activity or anti-social behaviour as a result of feeling threatened, coerced or intimidated  Yes  No  Possible

Child experiencing sexual violence or bullying  Yes  No  Possible

Receiving payment or reward for recruiting others into exploitative or abusive situations  Yes  No  Possible

Apparent use of mobile device or social media by another to control/ monitor  Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe previously had a large group of friends in school; however he is only ever seen with one other student, Mick. Both myself and his learning mentor have explored this with Joe however he is very guarded with information as to why he no longer spends time with those peers anymore.

When we have explored whether he is feeling coerced or intimidated into sexual activity,

Joe gave a firm answer of no, however when we explored this with regards to criminal activity he did not wish to answer the question, which is why I have selected “possible” as I feel that this response needs further exploring with Joe and he currently does not wish to talk about it further.

Joe’s dad has reported that Joe is always very “jumpy” when it comes to his phone ringing and runs outside to answer it. When he has had a look over Joe’s shoulder when it is ringing he said it always comes up as being from “Digger”. Usually following these calls Joe leaves the house so there is a concern that Digger is controlling Joe via his phone. Joe’s dad has been trying to overhear these conversations which is how he was able to track Joe down to Moss Park after one occasion where he left and didn’t come back quickly. This information has all been shared with police and is being discussed in his child in need meetings. Joe’s learning mentor is aware of this information and is also making sure to note anything Joe says so it can be shared with his Social Worker and Police. We have informed Joe’s dad to report anything he finds on Joe’s phone to the police if it is of concern or will help lead to identifying Digger.

\*Outline of why Yes/Possible has been selected, and the referrers actions\*.

**Disability** ▼

Has a disability/ learning disability or difficulty which impacts upon capacity to consent, decision making or perception of risk taking behaviour

Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe is not known to have any learning difficulties

**Education/Training** ▼

Multiple change of education provider

Yes  No  Possible

Educated at home

Yes  No  Possible

Temporary exclusion

Yes  No  Possible

Infrequent or poor attendance

Yes  No  Possible

Reduced timetable/ disengagement from school/lessons

Yes  No  Possible

Permanent exclusion

Yes  No  Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe has been with this school since he entered High School. As previously mentioned he has always been a good student with reasonable grades and high engagement until approx. 6 months ago.

He has had 2 temporary exclusions in the past 2 months lasting a total period of 6 days; however we do try and avoid this as we are concerned about his behaviour outside of school. Whilst he does come to school every day, he does not always engage in classes and can be highly disruptive to other students, so we have had to look at alternative activities for him throughout the school day and are exploring work experience opportunities for him as part of his programme. He is often unprepared for class and doesn’t have appropriate uniform; however his father states that this is due to Joe choosing not to wear his proper uniform as he does have everything he needs at home.

We have put in place 1:1 sessions with a learning mentor so that he is engaged and this does reduce his negative behaviours which means we can avoid exclusions where possible.

\*Overview of what the issues are where “yes” has been selected along with what school have done to try and address the issues\*

### Engagement in adult activity ▼

Accessing pornography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Introduction to adult activities (Isolated incident of attending an inappropriate or unsupervised party or other 18+ venue such as a nightclub)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Exposure to pornography by another person	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
<b>Multiple incidents of attending an inappropriate or unsupervised party or other 18+ venue such as a nightclub</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

#### Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:

Joe and his dad both stated that Joe does access pornography online, however neither felt that this was outside of “normal” nor was it a concern.

### Exchanging sexual or criminal activity for goods, money ▼

“Clipping” – promising sexual activity for money, goods etc. and then running off	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Receiving gifts/new clothing or shoes which raises concern or suspicion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Unaccounted for money/ mobile phone top ups/ bank deposits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

#### Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:

Joe’s father reported concerns that Joe always seems to have money on his phone, cannabis and takeaway food, however he has stopped providing Joe with any money, and that he just buys him food and what he needs now as he is concerned about what he spends his money on. This raises concern about where the money is coming from for these items. Joe’s dad has been asked by the Social Worker to keep a log of what he thinks Joe is spending on these items he knows about and how much money he is giving to Joe.

Joe’s father also reported that Joe had a new pair of Nike Air Max shoes recently, again with no explanation of how he got them and when he asked Joe about them he stated that Joe became really angry and took off out the house. I have asked Joe about this myself however he said they were a birthday gift but wouldn’t elaborate further as to whom from.

This has been discussed in his CIN Meetings and his Youth Justice Worker is exploring this further with him in her sessions with him.

\*Explanation of concerns provided by the referrer as well as how it is being addressed\*

### Family ▼

Relationship breakdown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Parent, carer or sibling health problem / disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Poor communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Reduced contact with family or friends	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Low warmth, high criticism household	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Parent(s) or carers not coping with behaviour/ parental limitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Neglect – including associated domestic abuse / alcohol or drug use / mental health problems (If neglect is being identified, please ensure you are following Local Authority Procedures for Neglect)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Lack of boundaries related to CE issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Parent/ carer colluding with inappropriate behaviours/ relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Family/ carer unable to keep child safe despite efforts- “beyond parental control”	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe and his dad have both reported that his relationship with his mum has completely broken down and Joe doesn't wish to speak with her at all. She has started to stay at her mother's house as Joe's behaviour gets worse when she tries to speak with him. Their communication has completely broken down and they have no positive communication.

Joe does still speak with his dad regularly and they do get along, however dad feels that Joe is breaking all boundaries he is putting in place and not adhering to curfews. Whilst they do communicate, his dad said that when he challenges where who is going or who he is with, he gets angry and "goes up like a bottle of pop". Joe's dad is going after him when he leaves the house, is putting curfews in place ensuring he monitors what money he is giving him and is keeping an eye of his comings and goings, however he feels that none of this is working and Joe is unsafe regardless. He also stated that he doesn't know how much longer he can keep going like this if Joe's behaviours don't get better and he stops running off and being angry all the time.

As already mentioned, Joe's parents have attended a parenting course to learn new strategies for coping with Joe's behaviours and have tried to implement different strategies. Joe's Social Worker is regularly contacting the parents to explore any other supports they require around parenting.

\*Overview provided. Clear where the information is coming from. Overview of actions based on referrers knowledge included\*

**Gang Association or Involvement / Criminal Behaviour ▼**

Gang association	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible
Evidence of gang involvement associated with CE activity/ initiation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible
Tattoos/Scars/Marks believed to be linked to Gang Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Involvement in criminal offences/activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Current involvement with criminal justice system/ youth justice services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Repeat offending / Escalating anti-social or criminal behaviour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Possession or access to weapons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Taking part in sexual activity/ offending behaviour as part of the gang association/ coercion.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Evidence of gang involvement associated with CSE activity/ initiation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

I have said possible for the first two indicators, as there is still very little known about "Digger" and rumours suggest he is linked to drug gangs in Liverpool. As mentioned above all information regarding Digger has been passed onto Cheshire Police who are exploring this further.

Joe is involved in criminal activity and is currently open to Youth Justice and has been to court twice in the past 3 months. Both of his court appearances have included drug related offences. He is also known for antisocial behaviour. He is seeing his Youth Justice worker regularly who is working with him to address these concerns.

On both occasions he was arrested, he was in possession of a knife and dad has reported removing a knife from his bedroom on 3 occasions outside of this. Joe's Youth Justice Worker is aware of this and is doing work with Joe around knife crime. There has been no evidence of him having a knife with him on school property.

\*Explanation of why yes or possible have been selected and what is being done to address these\*

### Home Life ▼

History of being in care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Currently in Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Unknown adult visitors to home	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Alone at home for significant periods of time without parental supervision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Presenting as homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Numerous house moves (Transient)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
No stable home/ multiple placement breakdowns/ living with friends/ private fostering arrangement/ wants to move into care/ "sofa surfing"	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Adult/peers visiting home address who pose a potential risk to child	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

### Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:

No evidence to suggest any of the above

### Mental health and Wellbeing ▼

Low self-esteem, poor self-image, anxiety or social isolation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Diagnosed depression or other mental health condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Significantly high confidence/self-esteem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Historic / current self-harm (no medical or psychiatric intervention)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Significant self-harm (medical/psychiatric intervention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Eating disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Suicidal thoughts, ideation or attempts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

### Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:

Joe does present as having a high level of confidence- he openly talks about being "top dog" and people just doing what he says because he is in charge. He presents as overly confident in school and isn't afraid to speak up and challenge teachers or question them. His peers and some teachers do describe him as "cocky". We do try and explore his conversations about being "top dog" however he doesn't really go into much detail about this.

Joe's dad said that he does have a scar from a lighter burn on him arm. He didn't find out about it until after it had healed and when he has spoken to Joe about this he didn't say he was forced to do it and that he did it himself to see what it would feel like. HE thinks it is approximately 12 months old. He said he didn't feel it had happened since and isn't concerned currently about self harm.

\*Explanation as to why yes has been selected and how this has been addressed by the referrer".

### Missing From Home/Care/Education ▼

History of going missing (reported)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Recent missing episode/s (within last 90 days- reported)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Late to school / missing from education during the day / leaving early from school	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Concerns that child is going missing and it is not being reported	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Getting into cars with unknown adults or peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Missing episodes escalating in terms of length of time and / or frequency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Persistently missing, staying out overnight or returning late with no plausible explanations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

### Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:

Joe does get reported regularly to the police and hit Trigger level last week. He has had 6 missing's in the past 90 days and this has been mostly within the past month. Joe doesn't feel he has been missing, but that his dad just doesn't like his friends. Joe's dad said that

he doesn't like bothering the police but that he knows that if he can't locate Joe within a short time frame and he is not in by around 11:30pm that he becomes really worries as he usually finds him quickly and this has happened a lot more in the past month. As mentioned in a previous section, Joe has been in a car with "Digger".

YoungAddaction have completed return home interviews with Joe and he does see them in school and talks to them. There is now a trigger plan in place which was discussed with Police at his recent Trigger meeting.

*\*Overview of why yes has been selected and what has been done to address this based on the referrers knowledge\**

**Physical/Sexual Assault** ▼

Within family	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Previous allegation of physical/ sexual assault / injury withdrawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Within "relationship"	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Outside of "relationship" or unknown perpetrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Marks / tattoos / tags related to sexual assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

No current intelligence to suggest this- historic physical abuse as a child (4 years old)

**Pregnancy** ▼

Pregnant/Young Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Concealed pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Previous pregnancy/termination	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Unwilling to share information about father	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Multiple pregnancies/ terminations/ miscarriages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe does not currently report to have a girlfriend and claims that he is not sexually active  
*\*Evidence that this has been explored with Joe\**

**Relationships** ▼

Unable to discuss or disclose sexuality or gender identity to family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Concerns regarding Domestic Abuse within "relationship" <i>If over 16 consideration should be made for a RIC/DASH Assessment</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Older "boyfriend" or "girlfriend"	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

Joe is open about liking girls, however states he doesn't have a girlfriend currently because they are "hard work".

*\*Evidence that this has been explored with Joe and ruled out\**

**Sexual Activity and Behaviours** ▼

*\*remember that sexual activity may be described as "consensual" but could be driven by exploitation/grooming*

Sexual activity between under 16's	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Inappropriate or harmful sexual behaviour – comments, exposure, inappropriate touching	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible
High number of disclosed/ suspected sexual partners or high rates of sexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible

activity	
Child under 13 engaging in sexual activity <i>Safeguarding referral MUST be completed where this indicator is selected as per legal guidance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Adult has engaged in sexual activity with the child	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

<b>Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:</b>	<p>Joe states that is not sexually active. He has had a session with the school nurse around sexual health but states that this isn't something he is currently interested in.</p> <p><i>*Evidence that this has been explored with Joe and ruled out*</i></p>
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### Sexual Health ▼

Unprotected sexual activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Frequent attendance at Sexual Health Clinics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Repeat access to Emergency Contraception	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Untreated/ Frequent/ Recurrent STIs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

<b>Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:</b>	<p>Joe states that is not sexually active. He has had a session with the school nurse around sexual health but states that this isn't something he is currently interested in.</p> <p><i>*Evidence that this has been explored with Joe and ruled out*</i></p>
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### Social Media/ Technology /Phone ▼

Multiple phones/ Changing phones regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible
Increased time spent accessing the internet, social media or live streaming or gaming platforms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Seeming to be more involved with social media world than with family and friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Secrecy/ anxiety in relation to phone/device use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Unsafe use of internet – low/ no security, posting personal details, etc. including befriending unknown individuals online	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Photographing/ filming self and sharing (Indecent images)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Being photographed/filmed by someone else (indecent images)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
High number of contacts on social media including unknown adults / peers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Accessing inappropriate networking forums – dating websites, specialist forums for anorexia, self-harm, sexual fetish etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Child under 16 receiving sexual communication from an adult <i>(Online and offline communication, including social media, e-mail, texts, letters)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Using uncommon communication apps or platforms suggested to them by an unknown adult/peer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible
Meeting contacts from dating websites or forums in person	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Possible

<b>Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:</b>	<p>Joe's dad says that he is concerned Joe has another phone, as he recently smashed his iPhone screen and still appeared to have contact with people when the phone was being repaired and went missing that night so appeared to have a means of communication which is why I have selected possible.</p> <p>Joe is very secretive around his phone use, and whilst his dad says he doesn't appear to use social media much, he does have a lot of friends linked to his Instagram and Facebook accounts and he doesn't know who most of them are. He said when he asks Joe who is calling him he gets really angry and changes the subject and feels that this is beyond "normal" level of secrecy.</p>
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Joe's dad is keeping a record of everything he is overhearing from Joe and passes all information onto his Youth Justice Worker and his Social Worker who has asked the police to follow up on some issues.

Joe is not allowed his phone in class and in most cases does stick to this, however recently when a teacher tried to confiscate his phone he got really angry at the teacher and threw a chair at him, which led to his most recent exclusion.

*\*Explanation of why Yes and Possible have been selected and what the referrer knows has been done to address risk\**

**Trafficking** ▼

Thought to have been moved for the purpose of sexual exploitation (Incl. multiple perpetrators, consenting or not, domestic/ national/ international) *If this is a factor a referral needs to be made for into the National Referral Mechanism as per national guidance*

Yes    No    Possible

**Analysis of Risk and Action already taken:**

This is possible as it is still unknown what relationship he has with "Digger" and whether he is being coerced or forced into carrying drugs.

*\*Explanation as to why this is possible\**

**Risk Management Categories**

<b>Presenting some vulnerability factors in the checklist but appear to relate to 'normal teenage' behaviour. No statutory intervention required but may benefit from low level monitoring, awareness raising.</b>	<b>Low Risk</b>
<b>Presenting numerous vulnerability factors but not at immediate risk. Some protective factors present. Would benefit from professional intervention, assessment, awareness and prevention work.</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>
<b>Child is presenting high number of vulnerability factors, is known to have been exploited and/or groomed. Regularly goes missing and concerns in relation to drugs/alcohol and inappropriate adult associates. Child has disclosed exploitation. Requires statutory intervention to protect. A strategy meeting should take place</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
<b>The child has been subject to a police investigation and there have been charges made with identified perpetrators and appropriate strategy discussion has taken place.</b>	<b>Confirmed CE</b>

When completing the Screening Tool you must use your own judgement on factors such as the child's age, any additional vulnerabilities, their history, etc. It may mean that what for another child would be low level, for that child is high level. Workers should feel free to amend the suggested level using that judgement.

**What is the level of risk for this child?**

Low Risk  
 Medium Risk  
 High Risk  
 Confirmed C E

**Analysis of Risk and Resilience**

As outlined above in detail, there are lots of concerning risk factors for Joe at this current point in time. Most concerning is his relationship with "Digger" who it is believed is from Liverpool, what his connection is to Joe and why Joe leaves the house when Digger phones him. Joe has been caught with drugs in his possession and there are rumours that he is dealing to other students. Joe's behaviour has changed over the past 6 months and he is currently involved with Youth Justice.

Joe's relationship with his dad is good; however his dad is struggling to control his behaviours and is finding things getting too much at the moment. His MFH episodes are increasing and all professionals involved in his CIN

remain concerned about possible exploitation.

**What intervention/outcome are you looking for?**

Joe is open to CIN already, however his behaviour continues to escalate. I have completed the tool as I have a good working relationship with both Joe and his dad, but have done so through speaking with his social worker and Youth Justice worker.

I believe Joe does need to be discussed in the Operational Group so that more intelligence can be shared/gathered and further consideration for Joe's situation can be made

*\*The referrer has an understanding of what else needs to be put in place. They have also shown that they have spoken to other professionals involved\**

**In summary:**

**What is Working Well (Strengths) and Protective Factors:**

Joe's dad still has a relationship with him and is reporting him missing and actively trying to gather more information.

Joe does engage in return interviews and youth justice meetings and is open to talking about professional concerns

Joe is coming into school daily

**What are we worried about** *(also include vulnerabilities- aspects of a child's historical or current circumstances which may make them more susceptible to being targeted and groomed for sexual exploitation):*

- "Digger" and what his relationship to Joe is.
- Joe's criminal behaviours and possible drug dealing
- Breakdown in relationship with his mum
- Joe's dad is worried he can't keep him safe and that significant harm may come to him
- Joe's behaviour changed significantly when his grandmother passed away and he does not wish to engage in work around grief and loss.
- Impact of his behaviour on his younger sibling
- Increase in missing from home

**Where risks are identified, what actions have been undertaken to safeguard the child from those risks?**

- CIN Need Plan in place
- Information shared with police for further investigation
- Parenting Support
- Creative timetabling to reduce need for exclusions
- Missing From Home Trigger Plan