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Shropshire Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Tool

**NOTE**: If completing multiple re-referrals or reviews, please vary the highlight colour of the updated text throughout for clarity.

Before and during completion of this Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Tool please refer to:

* [Shropshire Child Exploitation Initial Assessment Tool Practice Guidance](http://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/4cjN/exploitation-tools-and-pathways/?b=Shropshire)
* [Appropriate Language – Childrens Society Guidance for Professionals](https://www.csepoliceandprevention.org.uk/sites/default/files/Guidance%20App%20Language%20Toolkit.pdf)
* [Child exploitation | Shropshire Council](https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/childrens-social-care-and-health/child-exploitation/)

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| Child’s forename: | Child’s surname: |
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| DOB: | Address: |
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| Ethnicity: | Gender:  |
| Choose an item. |  |
| Disability: | Type of plan in place (EH, CIN, CP, LAC) |
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| School/College: | NHS/LCS Number: |
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| Is the child a looked after child? | Who is the responsible Local Authority and where is the child placed? |
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| Name of professional completing Child Exploitation Risk Assessment: | Agency: |
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| Contact details of person completing assessment including telephone number and email address: | Date Child Exploitation Risk Assessment completed: |
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| Has the child given consent to the completion of this Risk assessment and sharing of information? | Has the child contributed to the completion of this assessment? |
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|[ ]  Yes |
|[ ]  No – please state why not below |

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| Please record any views/comments of the child: | Have both parents given consent to the completion of this assessment and sharing of information? |
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|[ ]  Yes |
|[ ]  No – please state why not below |

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| Please record any views of both parents: | If assessment is being completed/information is being shared without the consent of child/parents, state the reason why: |
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| Please list any agencies that contributed to the completion of this Risk Assessment Tool: |
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| **Reason for completing this risk assessment (why now?)** |
| *Information needs to include whether there was an isolated incident/issue of concern which triggered the assessment, whether it was a recommendation from exploitation triage, or whether it is a combination of factors, or accumulation of concerns, etc* |
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| **Child Exploitation Risk Assessment**  |
| The diagram below provides a framework to explore the needs of a child or young person who may be at risk of or being exploited. Information from the child, their parents/carer and partner agencies should be used to inform this risk assessment. Please refer to the [Child Exploitation Practice Guidance](https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/4cjN/exploitation-tools-and-pathways/?b=Shropshire) to assist you in its completion. |





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| **Child/Young Person Domain** (link to the above) |
| What factors about this child identify that they may be at risk of exploitation or are being exploited? |
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| **Family and Living Environment Domain** (link to the above) |
| *What factors about the child’s family and living environment identify that they may be at risk of exploitation or are being exploited?* |
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| **Locality and Wider Community Domain** (link to the above) |
| *What factors about the child’s locality and wider community identify that they may be at risk of exploitation or are being exploited?* |
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| **Protective Factors** |
| *What strengths and protective factors can you identify that exist and can be used to meet this child’s needs?* |
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| **Drug and Alcohol Use** |
| *The link between drug and alcohol use and exploitation have never been closer – this risk assessment can be used as a direct referral to access support for the young person. Please identify what the young persons’ use of substances has been:* |
|[ ]  Vapes |[ ]  ‘THC’ Vapes |[ ]  Alcohol |
|[ ]  Tobacco |[ ]  Cannabis |[ ]  Ketamine |
|[ ]  Solvents |[ ]  Prescription Meds |[ ]  Mushrooms/LSD |
|[ ]  Xanax |[ ]  Ecstasy/MDMA |[ ]  Amphetamines |
|[ ]  Cocaine |[ ]  Crack cocaine |[ ]  Heroin/Opiates |
| Please add anything below you feel relevant, [or unsure of](https://www.talktofrank.com/), in regards to drug and alcohol use: |
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| **Have you identified potential risks to other children or adults?** |
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| *If answered yes and there is a risk to other children refer to the* [*Shropshire Exploitation Pathway*](http://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/4cjN/exploitation-tools-and-pathways/?b=Shropshire) *If answered yes and there is a risk to adults:** *If an adult with care and support needs refer to the* [*A guide to adult safeguarding in Shropshire | Shropshire Council*](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-choices/i-need-help/keeping-adults-safe/a-guide-to-adult-safeguarding-in-shropshire/)

*Any other adult: refer to Keeping Adults Safe in Shropshire* [*Keeping adults safe | Shropshire Council*](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-choices/i-need-help/keeping-adults-safe/) |

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| **Have you identified perpetrators and/or locations that the child/young person frequents?**  |
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| *If answered yes - please report* [Something you've seen or heard | West Mercia Police](https://www.westmercia.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/) *. If you suspect a crime has been committed – please see the bottom of this form.* |

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| **Risk Assessment/determination** |
| *Based on the factors you have identified, please indicate your professional judgement as to the level of risk you believe this child faces:*

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|[ ]  Indicators the child/young person is **vulnerable** to child exploitation |
|[ ]  Indicators the child/young person is **being groomed or targeted** for the purposes of child exploitation |
|[ ]  Indicators the child is **being exploited** |

Please indicate the **type of exploitation** (this could be more than one category)

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|[ ]  Criminal exploitation |
|[ ]  Sexual exploitation |
|[ ]  Forced marriage |
|[ ]  Modern slavery (including trafficking) |
|[ ]  Radicalisation |
|[ ]  Financial exploitation |
|[ ]  Other exploitation to secure benefits or services (please specify:) |

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| **Rationale:** |
| *Please provide a rationale as to why in your professional opinion you have determined the young person to be vulnerable/groomed or targeted/being exploited (delete as appropriate):* |
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| **Accessing Support** |
| In order to ensure a child/young person is accessing the right support at the right time, and to avoid repetitive processes for practitioners, it has been agreed with services that this risk assessment will be accepted as a referral to [Branch Project](https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/the-branch-project/), [Climb](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/climb), [With You](https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/local-hubs/shropshire/services/support-for-young-people), and/or [Compass](https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/local-content/zgjN/multi-agency-referral-reporting-concerns-marf/?b=Shropshire) for a Social Work Assessment (s.17), **with** parental consent therefore please indicate the parent has consented by ticking the relevant box below:

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|[ ]  Branch |
|[ ]  CLIMB |
|[ ]  We Are With You [(Young person can consent to this without parental permission)](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system/gillick-competence-fraser-guidelines) |
|[ ]  Children Social Care for S.17 Social Work Assessment (SWA) |

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| **Action following assessment** |
| * Exploitation Triage is held twice weekly and consists of a range of practitioners, this risk assessment will be discussed and triage will determine the final risk level based on all available information and will update you about this and any actions/recommendations made.
* Discuss and agree with the child and parent:
	+ the completed assessment and gain consent to share it.
	+ any interventions and support for the child or parents/carers
* Send the Child Exploitation Risk Assessment to Compass **by secure email** (compass.referrals@shropshire.gov.uk). It will be forwarded to the Child Exploitation and Missing Coordinator in Compass and allocated for discussion at Child Exploitation Triage.
* **Where parental consent has not been sought or agreed to and there is not clear evidence that the child is being exploited or is at risk of significant harm, the risk assessment cannot be discussed at Child Exploitation Triage.**
* **Reporting a Crime:** If you have documented a crime that has taken place within the CE Risk Assessment, please ensure this matter is reported via 101 or online reporting [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) and provide the **police reference number here:**
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