**Bradford’s Child Exploitation Risk Assessment**

**A Multi Agency Referral Form (MARF) will need completing prior to submitting this assessment.**

Please read the protocol prior to completing this form. **Note** – a full MARF is not required but the consent and demographic sections need to be completed and the CE Risk assessment attached.

All of the following information is required when there are concerns regarding a child being at risk of/or experiencing child exploitation. Where possible this assessment should be completed within

**THE SAME WORKING DAY.**

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| Child’s full name  |            | Alias |       |
| DOB |       | Age |       | Gender  | [ ]  Male [ ]  Female [ ]  Non-binary [ ]  Unborn [ ]  Questioning [ ]  other (state) -      Does their gender identity match the gender assigned at birth Y [ ]  N [ ]   |
| Ethnicity |  | Religion If other please state |       |
| Is English their first language? | Child | Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]  |
| Parent/Carer | Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]  |
| If no, please specify preferred language |       | Is an interpreter required ?  | Y [ ]  N [ ]   |
| Address and postcode |       | Contact number(s) |       |
| School  |       |
| Other children (under 18 years of age) in household | Full Name | Date of Birth/Age | Gender  | Relationship to the above child |
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| Details of Parent/Carers and other significant adults in the child’s life | Full Name | Date of Birth (if known) | Parental Responsibility(PR) Y/N | Relationship to the above child |
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| List professional involvement and contact details |       |

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| **Professional Completing the Child Exploitation Risk Assessment** |
| **Name** |       |
| **Job Title/Role** |       |
| **Agency** |       |
| **Address & Contact Details** |       |
| **Date Assessment commenced** |       | **Date assessment completed** |       | **Initial/Review****Assessment ?** |       |

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| **Reason for completing this risk assessment:**      |

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| **Details of any known or suspected perpetrators:**      |

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| **What are we worried about:** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Sexual Exploitation | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Criminal Exploitation | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Trafficking /Modern Day Slavery | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Radicalisation | **Follow Prevent Pathway** |  |

Are you aware of a National Referral Mechanism (NRM) form that has been completed for this child? YES [ ]  NO [ ]

**Professional Assessment of Risk Indicators**

* In order to identify children at risk of / or experiencing exploitation it is imperative to complete a clear and concise assessment which includes the views of the child, the family, and other professionals who are involved.
* The main heading risk indicators are not exhaustive; they are simply those most commonly recognised which may indicate a risk of exploitation; there may be other relevant factors present which require consideration and analysis. **One** tick in a high risk box, or several in low risk may indicate a serious risk of exploitation, alternatively this might be an indication of other concerns that require addressing via the child’s overall plan, or by accessing other appropriate services.
* When assessing a child’s risk of exploitation, it is essential to highlight if the concerns and the information being provided is **current or historic**. If the concern or information is historic but relevant, it is necessary to evidence how this relates to the current assessed risk.
* When completing this risk assessment, it is crucial that the child’s use of **social media** is considered throughout.

\*Please indicate a level of risk and analysis against **ALL** the following risk indicators, ensure that as part of this we are clear what behaviours we are worried about & what is the evidence

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| **1.****Family Relationships** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk  | No concerns identified.  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | No concerns regarding parenting, rules and boundaries not always adhered to by child, some recent change in behaviour.  | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Some concerns regarding parenting capacity, poor/strained relationships, lack of communication and reduced contact or engagement.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Suspected or confirmed neglect/abuse in family. Relationship breakdown / no contact. Lack of family support.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Who are the significant adults in the child’s life, quality of relationships, protective factors / risk factors?*      |
| **2.****Peer** **Relationships** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified.  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns regarding risky friendships / negative influence.  | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Change in child’s friends / associates, concerns regarding negative influence, some friends considered at risk of exploitation. Child is being attracted to Gang related indicators/ activities. Has relationships with a perceived negative imbalance of power. Believed to be spending time with local gangs. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Known association with gangs, concerns child is being groomed in gang related activities or indicative activities. | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail the child’s friends / associates, ability to form and maintain friendships, positive or negative influences, how and where they socialise / spend time, any indicators relevant to gang association including online activities?*      |
| **3. Accommodation** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified.  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns but overall accommodation meets the child’s needs | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Unsuitable, unstable, conditions are concerning.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Temporary, overcrowded, unsupported, homeless / sofa surfing or repeated breakdowns. Concern home is being exploited by gangs.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Who does the child live with, detail the property and it’s condition, describe the local area and any concerns?*      |
| **4.** **Education** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Mainly engaged, some limited concerns i.e. truanting / behaviour | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Irregular or low attendance, whereabouts often unknown, breakdown in School placements/ fixed term exclusions. Noticeable change in child’s presentation in School.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Significant absence from school or no school placement/ permanent exclusion. Whereabouts unknown.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail attendance, attainment, support offered in School and any concerns raised?*      |
| **5.****Emotional Health / behaviour** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Low self-esteem, confidence, struggles to verbalise feelings. Some signs of anger. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Significant low self-esteem, self-confidence, self-harm, overdosing, eating disorder, noticeable change / decline in emotional health. Child aggressive at home. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Recognised or suspected mental health needs. Regular self-harming, overdosing, suicidal attempts / ideation. Child causing physical / emotional harm to others.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Describe how the child presents emotionally, any identified triggers, support already in place? What works / what exasperates the child’s emotional wellbeing? Add dates / details of any concerning incidents i.e. self-harm / overdose.*       |
| **6.****Experience of Violence** | **Risk Indicator** |
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| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns child is exposed to violence at home or in the community.  | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Reported concerns of violence at home or in the community. Evidence of injuries. Disclosures followed by withdrawal.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Significant concerns child is experiencing violence at home or in the community. Injuries. Fear or refusal of accessing medical treatment. Reluctant to disclose. | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail all known incidents, who is the victim / perpetrator, nature of injuries and treatment accessed?*      |
| **7.****Running away / going missing** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Stays out late, no missing episodes.  | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Occasional goes missing for short or prolonged periods.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Frequently goes missing for short or prolonged periods. | [ ]   |
| **Analysis** | *Detail missing episodes – times, whereabouts, associates, where located, was they reported missing?*      |
| **8.****Contact with abusive adults and / or unsafe environments** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns child is associating with adults / unsafe environments; this is a change in behaviour.  | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Child is occasionally associating with adults/ unsafe environments. Concerns regarding phone / social media use. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Child is frequency associating with adults / unsafe environments, secretive with phone, multiple calls being received. Getting in and out of cars / unknown premises. Significant concerns regarding Gangs.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Who are the adults, how are they known to the child, where is the child spending time and frequency of association?*      |
| **9.****Alcohol / substance misuse** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified. | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Occasional Use of alcohol and substances. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Evidence of increasing or regular alcohol / substance misuse.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Evidence of frequent / dependant alcohol / substance misuse. | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail nature of alcohol / substance misuse? Has the child been found in possession but not believed to be misusing?*      |
| **10.****Coercion / control** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns the child is vulnerable to coercion or control / negative influences. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Concerns child presents coerced or controlled by others and displays signs of fear. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Significant concerns child is being coerced, controlled, in fear of others. Stories appear rehearsed (eg coached) | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Describe how the child presents? Detail the perpetrators and their behaviours?*       |
| **11.****Unexplained items** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Suspect that child has some unexplained items and no finances to have purchased these. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Evidence of concerns about unexplained items with no finances to purchase. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Child is in possession of significant unexplained items, no finances to purchase. More than one mobile phone and or sim card. | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *What is the child in possession of? what moneys do they get from family? what is unexplained? Ie money, taxis, takeaways,drugs.*      |
| **12.****Sexual abuse concerns** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Concerns child may be at risk of coercion into unhealthy relationships. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Suspicion of Child is being coerced into unhealthy relationships.Suspicion that the child is being coerced sexual acts/at risk of sexual abuse are not considered safe or child is feeling pressured. | [ ]  |
| Significant | Evidence child of sexual coercion, sexually assaults rapes. Recurring or multiple STI’s / signs of genital anal injuries consistent with sexual assaults or violence, pregnancies – treated or untreated. Concerns child is made to watch sexual assault / rape on others.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail nature of sexual health needs and any concerns? List any concerning people? Are Police involved and has child accessed sexual health services? Detail any injuries?* *Penetrative sexual contact with a Child under 13 will always constitute rape.* *Consideration should be given to the age of alleged perpetrators*       |
| **13.****Risk to others** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No known risk | No concerns identified  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some concerns child influences others into risky situations. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Concerns child is influencing other children into risky situations and introducing to adults who pose a risk. Some bullying / threatening behaviour displayed.  | [ ]  |
| Significant | Significant concerns child is causing harm to other children, introducing to adults or environments that pose a potential risk.  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *Detail the behaviours displayed by the child and to whom? Are any weapons involved?**This includes sexually harmful behaviours.*       |
| **14.****Ability to identify exploitative behaviours** | **Risk Indicator** |
| No Known risk  | No concerns identified  | [ ]  |
| Emerging  | Some understanding and ability to recognise exploitative behaviours and safeguard themselves, including online. Significant numbers of followers on social media. | [ ]  |
| Moderate   | Some understanding, cannot recognise exploitative behaviours and unable to apply knowledge to safeguard themselves, including online. | [ ]  |
| Significant | No recognition of exploitative behaviours and unable to safeguard themselves, including online. Including the sending and and receiving of indecent images  | [ ]  |
| **Analysis** | *What is the child’s understanding of exploitation, how are they able to safeguard themselves, what social media are they using and how are they keeping themselves safe online / identified risks?*       |

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| **Other factors to consider eg, wider environmental factors:** |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Details:** |
| Domestic Abuse | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parental Alcohol / Substance Misuse | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parental Mental Health | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parental Health Needs / Disabilities | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parental Learning Needs | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parental Trauma | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Child Health Needs / Disabilities | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Child has additional learning / communication needs | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Previous abuse of child | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Engagement with services | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Criminality in family / Anti-Social Behaviour | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parents / carers understanding of grooming / exploitation and ability to protect | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Poverty / debt / financial pressures in the family | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Child Protection / Abuse | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Family separation / bereavement / imprisonment | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| Parents in Prison | [ ]  | [ ]  |       |
| **Views of the child or young person:** (regarding any identified/ potential risksand any support they would want/need, regarding existing strengths and protective factors) |       |
| **Has the child/young person contributed to this assessment** (Yes/No and if no please explain why ) |       |
| **Views of the parent / carer:** (regarding any identified/ potential risksand any support they would want/need) |       |

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| **Views of other professionals:** (regarding risk of exploitation) |       |
| **Overall analysis** | *Detail date referral was received / by who / and initial concerns. Analysis the information you have gathered during this assessment and what this is telling you about the child, their life, and the current risk and protective factors. Consider: is this a repeat referral, any information that is missing from agencies, any grey areas and any other information which may be relevant and indicate a risk. Provide an overall views / risk level in respect of exploitation.*       |

**Bradford’s Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Decisions and Further Action**

**Professional Judgement of Overall Assessed Level of Risk**

* On completion of this risk identification tool, please make an indication of your initial professional judgement about the level of risk of Exploitation for the child. Please **tick** against your assessed level of risk

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| **No risk**  | No identified risk of exploitation. Other identified concerns which may require alternative provision. | [ ]   |
| **Emerging** | Some concerns that the child is vulnerable of exploitation.  | [ ]   |
| **Moderate** | Child is at risk of exploitation, concerns not immediate / urgent safeguarding. Child may be a risk of opportunistic abuse, or is being targeted / groomed.  | [ ]   |
| **Significant** | Child is at risk of exploitation or being exploited.  | [ ]   |

Your assessment will contribute to the risk rating agreed by the multi-agency reviewing team who will also review and take into account any other information, intelligence and views of other professionals and services working with the family.   All input will provide evidence for the creation of a robust safeguarding plan with the child and family and will be completed in accordance with the local authority/ multi agency procedures.

**Review timescales**

For those children who are judged to be at emerging, moderate or significant risk of Exploitation, the level of risk must be reviewed with an updated risk assessment at the following frequency unless additional concerns are raised which require an immediate updated risk assessment.

**Emerging – every 90 DAYS**

**Moderate – every 60 DAYS**

**Significant - every 30 DAYS**

**Send along with MARF via email to** **childrens.enquiries@bradford.gov.uk**