Child exploitation can affect any child or young person, male or female, under the age of 18. The main types of exploitation experienced by young people are **criminal and sexual exploitation. However, both types can include and features of both.**

The revised exploitation screening tool can be used to support a referral for Early Help, Children’s social care, as part of an assessment, care planning and risk management. A screening tool can be used at point by schools, community groups and throughout a child’s journey of Early Help and CSC Intervention and assessment and intervention.

It is important that features and indicators of Exploitation are identified at the earliest opportunity to prevent harm and escalating risk. Children’s Social Care Integrated Front Door (IFD), at the point of contact, screen all children over 10yrs **when**.

* Experience a missing from home episode.
* Missing education
* Presents with behavioural challenges
* Children who are on a reduced timetable and or is in alternative education provision
* Involved in ASB and or criminal activity
* Associating with others believed, suspected or known to be involved in exploitation
* Known or believed to use drugs
* Underage pregnancy
* Has older girl friend /boy friend
* Has STD
* reference to drug debt
* Sibling gang involvement
* Concerns about change in behaviours, emotional and mental well being
* Withdrawal from family, friend, missing school
* Unexplained injuries

The completion will inform outcomes for children and will remain on a child’s file. It can be closed if there are no concerns or lead to further assessment and intervention. Screening at the earliest opportunity with ensure children get the right services and the right time, preventing an escalation of harm and risk.