

# Exploitation Screening Tool Guidance Document.

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## **Section 1: Introduction**

The exploitation tool is a screening tool to identify children/young people and adults up to the age of 25years at risk of/or that are being exploited. For any person identified at risk of/being exploited over 25 years; the adult exploitation screening tool must be completed (adults screening can be completed for adults aged 18 + also). This guidance document has been developed to ensure the screening catches all aspects of the individuals needs relating to exploitation contextually.

**Contextual safeguarding** is an approach to **safeguarding** that responds to young people's experiences of harm outside of the home and beyond their families, for example, with peers, in schools and in neighbourhoods. ... Parents and carers have little influence over these contexts. A **Contextual Safeguarding** approach would recognise that children and young people's risk experiencing significant harm in extra-familial contexts, and

seek to include these contexts within prevention, identification, assessment and intervention **safeguarding** activities.

We recognise that most victims of exploitation are exploited through non-family members. Contextual safeguarding expands the objectives of child protection systems with recognition that young people are vulnerable to abuse in a range of social contexts

## **Section 2: Definitions of Exploitation**

The screening tool focusses on the key areas of exploitation in Wolverhampton:

**Criminal Exploitation (County Lines, Gangs):** *occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child, or vulnerable adult into committing criminal activity; in exchange for something the victim needs or wants*

*The victim may have been criminally exploited even if the activity appears consensual. Criminal Exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.*

**Sexual Exploitation:** *is a form of sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child, young person or vulnerable adult into sexual activity;*

*- (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or*

*- (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator.*

*The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.*

**Modern Day Slavery:** *is defined as the recruitment, movement, harbouring or receiving of children or adults through the use of force, coercion, abuse of vulnerability, deception or other means for the purpose of exploitation. It is a crime under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and includes holding a person in a position of slavery, servitude forced or compulsory labour, or facilitating their travel with the intention of exploiting them soon after.*

## **Section 3: Significant harm referrals for children/young people and adults (up to 25years)**

For exploitation specialist support and advice OR support in completing this tool contact:

[WolverhamptonExploitationHub@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:WolverhamptonExploitationHub@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

**If any agency identifies a child thought to have suffered or be at risk of significant harm, a referral to children's/adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) should be made immediately. In an emergency, the agency should call 999 and ask for a Police response.**

**For children:** Follow local procedures including referral to Children's Social Care Services: by completing the E-MARF by following <https://marf.wolverhampton.gov.uk/> or on (01902) 555392 during working hours. For any out of hours child protection emergencies contact the Emergency Duty Service on (01902) 552999.

**For adults:** Follow local procedures including referral to Adult Social Care Services: MASH; [AdultMASHSecure@secure.wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:AdultMASHSecure@secure.wolverhampton.gov.uk) or [AdultMASH@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:AdultMASH@wolverhampton.gov.uk) by completing the SA 1 form Or on (01902) 551199 to report a Adult Safeguarding concern or for advice contact (01902) 554380 or for the Emergency Duty team contact (01902) 552999.

## **Section 4: Tips to consider before completing the screening tool:**

- The screening tool is a multi-agency tool and should be completed involving other agencies/services who are also supporting the individual. This will ensure we are completing the tool with as much information/intelligence regarding the risks as possible.
- Consent (see below section ....)

- Must remember to focus on the individual and the risks presented and not the gender or age of the individual. Males and Females are at risk of all forms of exploitation.
- In some circumstances it might not be ideal to complete the screening tool with the individual some examples of this would be:
  - If you are aware the individual has refused to engage and is not forthcoming.
  - If you are aware the individual will not answer specific questions truthfully.

In situations like these we must try our best to engage the individual however; if this is not appropriate with the evidence, intelligence and information you and other professionals have the screening tool can be completed however; ensuring findings from the screening and outcome is shared with the individual and/or their family. Please remember the tool might not be appropriate to take out on visits and complete with all children, young people, adults and their families therefore professionals are required to keep note of key questions to ask the individual/family, your professional judgement will determine the appropriate action.
- Where possible (especially for children/young people) engage the parent/carer and keep them well informed with your referrals.
- For all Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) there is a process that must be followed.

## Section 5: Consent

It is good practise to gain consent and ensure the child/young person/adult and/or their family/carer are aware of any exploitation screening referrals.

**Gaining consent for a child/young person:** if the child and family refuse to consent to the referral you must consider the level of risk at this time:

Immediate risk of significant harm	Contact police and referral to MASH
Medium – High risk	Discussion with Exploitation Coordinator
Low risk	Discussion with universal services involved and/or person the child/young person has good relationship with.

**Gaining consent for an adult:** for adults who refuse to consent to the referral:

Immediate risk of significant harm	Contact police and referral to MASH
Medium – High risk	Discussion with Exploitation Coordinator
Low risk	Signpost to appropriate support services

**Does the individual have capacity:** mental capacity is the ability to make a decision (and understand the consequences of that decision)? If the individual does not have capacity, then a capacity assessment should also be undertaken.

Please remember: we must begin by assuming that the individual has capacity to obtain wishes and feelings, people must be supported to make decisions, unwise decisions do not necessarily mean there is a lack of capacity, decisions must be taken in the individuals best interests and finally consider whether a decision can be made in a way that is less restrictive of a persons freedom.

**No capacity:** Where an individual does not have capacity and can not give /understand consent and there are clear safeguarding concerns the concerns must be reported, and professionals have a duty to safeguard and notify their local MASH.

**Capacity but no consent:** Where the individual does have capacity and is at risk of significant harm but has not consented to the referral, the safeguarding concerns must be reported, and professionals have a duty to safeguard and notify their local MASH.

**Key relationships:** please state any professionals the individual has a key relationship with, this information will support positive engagement with the family.

#### **Section 6: Details of child/young person/ adult**

Complete the personal details section with as much information as possible.

Names: Please state any alias names or nicknames the children/young person or adult uses.

Language: If English is an additional language for the child/young person/adult or their family sharing this information will enable professionals to contact interpreters prior to engagement.

Address/Telephone: Full address details are required including the post code and any contact telephone numbers you are aware of or can obtain.

**National Referral Mechanism (NRM):** The NRM is a framework for identifying children/young people and adults at risk of Human Trafficking. It is important that children/young people and adults who are deemed to be at risk of/or being exploited are also considered victims of Human Trafficking. If you are aware that the NRM has been completed for the child/young person or adult, please state the date and status (Positive Reasonable/ Conclusive grounds decision).

#### **Section 7: Screener details / current level of support**

To enable the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) or the exploitation hub to contact you regarding any queries/questions in relation to the screening tool; you are required to clearly state your professional details and contact information. Telephone number and email addresses must both be provided.

Current level of support – this section is to understand which services are already working with the individual. For Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) there is a process which must be followed and at the time of completing the screening tool the New Arrivals checklist must also be completed which will ensure appropriate safeguarding measures have been considered for the individual. If you are unsure of this process please contact the Exploitation Hub for support and guidance.

#### **Section 8: Placed in/out of Local Authority area**

For any child/young person at risk of/being exploited who is placed in Wolverhampton from another Local Authority, although Wolverhampton is not the responsible authority for the individual; we would encourage information/intelligence information sharing with the exploitation hub. Children/young people who are open to another Local Authority but placed in Wolverhampton, must be discussed with exploitation coordinator who will support professionals in contacting the responsible authority for information sharing.

For children/young people at risk of/being exploited who Wolverhampton have placed out of area, professionals are required to complete the Wolverhampton Exploitation Screening Tool which can be shared with the placement authority if required.

*Consent: for further information please refer to section 5.*

#### **Section 9: Potential risk factors for exploitation.**

In this section each of the risk indicators will be answered following the below criteria. Please see the below table to understand what information is required when selecting individual risk indicators if:

- **Y=YES**, you have concerns,
- **S=SUSPICIOUS**, you are Suspicious of concerns,
- **N=NO**, you do not have any concerns,

Y=Yes	Professionals must state what evidence they have to answer 'Yes'. For example, have you witnessed the behaviour, has a trusted person told you about the behaviour, disclosures have been made or is it in historic records?
N=No	Professionals must only answer 'No' if certain, where there is uncertainty the risk indicator should be left blank.
S=Suspicion	Professionals must provide reasoning for being 'Suspicious'. All indicators where there is a suspicion should be explained. For example, an individual having a scent of cannabis could indicate a suspicion of drug use.

### Section 10: Summary of risks

Throughout the screening tool there are 4 sections broken down into:

- individual,
- home,
- school/education/employment
- peers/associates

Each of the above sections has a summary of risks which is **mandatory** and should not be left blank.

Please see table below for expectations:

Section	What are you worried about	What is working well
Individual Home School/Education/Employment Peers/Associates	Professionals must state what you are worried about for the individual under each section.	Professionals must also acknowledge the positives and what is working for the for the individual under each section.

### Section 11: Examples of how to answer in summary of risks section:

This is not an exhaustive list of examples however gives an idea of the detail required.

Section	What are your immediate worries for the individual	What is working well
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual was assaulted with a knife which resulted in a small cut around 2cm on the arm. There is a concern the individual will now retaliate to this assault as she said, 'they are no walk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual admitted they are using cannabis which has allowed for a referral to drug and alcohol services.</li> </ul>

	<p>over and will not let the freak get away with it’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been a recent significant change in behaviour for the individual, they are becoming extremely violent within the family home and on the 31/07/2020 He assaulted his sister for trying to stop him from going out at 10pm. My concern is there could be another violent altercation.</li> <li>• Adult has emails from an unknown person with email, <a href="mailto:1967MJeans@hotmail.com">1967MJeans@hotmail.com</a> the emails include attachments of electronic train tickets from Birmingham New Street to Cornwall. Adult has never previously mentioned Cornwall and has not got any family/friends there.</li> <li>• Individual has had STI’s in the past and he is currently staying out with a female who is HIV positive and has stated he wants to marry her.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual is engaging with services to support with managing their aggression.</li> <li>• S does not show any type of aggressive behaviour around his grandmother.</li> <li>• Individual enjoys playing football and has been part of the same club since he was 7 years old.</li> </ul>
Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual has been off the raider for 3 days which is unusual for them. There is a concern that she has travelled to London for a job interview. When asked about the interview she could not state what the role was and didn’t have any paperwork.</li> <li>• Individual was taken to an appointment where they were accompanied by a suspicious adult. The adult held M’s arm not her hand, he spoke over her and answered questions for her not giving her any opportunity to talk for herself. M was very reluctant to speak to the nurse alone when asked, accompanying male was named P, approximately late 30’s, white male, around 5’10, built, had a black BMW.</li> <li>• Individual is homeless, she feels she does not have any other choice and is approaching people in the park to see if anyone can offer her a place to stay for the night.</li> <li>• Individual has shared that her mother’s friends are staying in their house, so they are not allowed downstairs. Mother told her that they have guns and she should stay in her room as they will be living in the house for a while.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although P often does not return home at the time of her curfew, she will always text her mother to say she is on her way.</li> <li>• Individual is at risk however he is very honest and open with his keyworker he will share names and addresses of where he is going.</li> <li>• Individual understands mother’s financial situation and is a young carer to his siblings. This is positive as this gives him less time to hang around the park.</li> </ul>
School/Education/ Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual’s behaviour at work has recently changed, she is not focussed at work and has been making several mistakes which have had detrimental affects on other staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual has never phoned in work sick, is always on time and will often cover shifts when other staff are off.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual is working delivering parcels but is not getting paid. When asked why he states everything is provided for him, so he doesn't need the money.</li> <li>• YP was permanently excluded from school for carrying a knife in her bag, prior to this she had threatened a classmate she would 'shank' her.</li> <li>• Individual is secretive about where they are going, he often does not share who he is with or any addresses of where he is going. Some nights he has stayed out all night.</li> <li>• Individual has alleged he was inappropriately touched by colleagues in his previous two employment places.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YP was on a reduced timetable but has recently asked for this to be increased to full time.</li> <li>• Individual knows what they want to do in the future and have requested support with this.</li> <li>• Although the individual is missing, he always phones his mum to say he is safe, and he won't be home.</li> </ul>
Peers/Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual is a different person when with her friends. With her friends she is rude to professionals and can come across as aggressive when she raises her voice, the concern is that she is easily influenced by members in her friendship circle. On 25/08/2020 she was dared to steal a lip balm from Sana's pharmacy on Dudley Road and was arrested. Caution was given on the same date. My concern is the extent she will go to next.</li> <li>• Individual states she knows gang members from the V2 and East block gang but refuses to give further information. School has reported another young person Charnell Thompson born 22/08/2004 has told them she is worried about her friend who is in a relationship with Joe Bloggs who is in a gang.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual is engaging well when seen alone. She explains she has no friends and doesn't want to lose the ones she has. This shows she can be open and honest.</li> <li>• Individual has told professionals that he does not want to smoke cannabis but will be bullied if he doesn't. This is positive as it shows the individual understands the negative impact of drugs and requires support around not giving in to peer pressure.</li> <li>• The family are aware of the individual's friendship circle and has regular communication with the parents.</li> </ul>

## Section 12: Locations

Please state any locations the individual is frequenting which causes concern. By concern we would consider locations which might be used for exploitation purposes or there is concerning activity taking place which could lead to exploitation.

When completing this section consider:

Time's they are frequenting/going to the locations. For example,

- Individuals going to a park at midnight is a cause for concern.
- Going to a train or bus station late in the evening or early hours.

- Being seen in a location when the individual should of been at school or at work and causes suspicion.

Some examples of concerning activity at locations:

- A house where there is a party with drugs and alcohol
- Off licence/pubs selling alcohol to under 18's.
- Takeaway giving free food to vulnerable children/young people and adults.

### **Section 13: Perpetrators/ suspected perpetrators**

Please provide details of any known or suspected perpetrators associated with this child/young person/adult or others.

In this section please state any individual you have concerns about who is in contact with the victim (state any names, details, you have regarding the person of concern). Further details are also required about what your concerns are and how the person of concern is posing risk to the victim.

For example:

- Tilly Brown (victim) has severe mental health and/or learning difficulties and Jimmy Rowland approximately 28 years old (person of interest) is taking advantage of this to exploit them. Jimmy has a tattoo of a knife on his neck which looks like a machete. Tilly has disclosed Jimmy has not got a driving licence but drives a black Honda Civic,
- The person of interest is significantly older or younger than the victim and there are other risk indicators.
- The perpetrator is known to the police as a registered sex offender or known for concern of dealing Class A drugs etc....
- You are aware of intelligence that the person of interest has been known to carry a weapon (you must state where the intelligence has come from).
- The person of interest appears to be controlling.
- The person of interest has assaulted the victim following her refusing to have sex with him.
- There person of interest is introducing the victim to other dealers and people causing concern.

### **Section 14: Partnership information report (PIR) previously known as the Force intelligence bureau (FIB) form**

The purpose of this tool is for agencies to record any information, no matter how small, that may be important and relevant for the police to analyse and build intelligence, for example: -

- Vehicle details including registration/make/model/colour etc.
- Details/descriptions including names/nicknames of suspected perpetrators.
- Details/descriptions of unusual/regular callers to people's homes.
- Phone numbers of suspected perpetrators.
- Address details of suspected perpetrators
- Details of any addresses or localities where the child/ vulnerable adult may have been taken/held
- Locations /Names (licenced premises)/ Areas/ landmarks
- Include any people mentioned – Names (Alias, nicknames) / DOB/descriptions/distinguishing features/accents

In using the information sharing tool, practitioners or others must submit the information securely to West Midlands Police and in accordance with their own agency's information sharing arrangements.

### **Section 15: Examples of intelligence**

Joe Bloggs, street name J, is known to be a gang member in a relationship with the victim. Unable to obtain a date of birth but another young person Charnell Thompson born 22/08/2004 shared he drives a blue Honda civic but is not old enough to drive.

CONCERN: There are several concerns such as someone underage who is driving, will also not have insurance and is a danger to others on the road.

Pippa Jane born 21/09/2005 has reported that Rizzi is 23 years old and he is her boyfriend. He used to deal drugs, but he has turned his life around now. He has introduced her to his friends who are in their 30's but states its because he is serious about their relationship. They have known each other for 7 weeks and he has bought her tickets to take her to Paris. Pippa will not state when he is taking her or how they are getting there because she knows professionals will disrupt this.

CONCERN: 23-year-old is encouraging a relationship with a 15-year-old. Concerns of potential trafficking and a National referral mechanism (NRM) is required. Concerns of a history of drugs and risk being introduced to other males in their 30's.

Tanisha Brown born 09/02/1995, lives at 26 Southall Road, WV4 6PV is open to adult social care. Tanisha has severe mental health; she is a recovering from a drug and alcohol addiction and is extremely vulnerable. Martin Luther an Asian male, 36 years old has contacted Tanisha online through Facebook. Martin's Facebook ID is 'MartinKiller King'. Tanisha has shared details of her conversations with Martin with her social worker. Martin has offered Tanisha Cocaine and has told her to meet him at the Nova Hotel in Wolverhampton on the 30/09/20 at 18.00. He has a room booked and shared he is in meetings so she should not arrive before 18.00.

Victim (name and details required) has been collected by Siggy P who has taken him to a trap house. He was missing for 4 days before returning home. Victim told his family Siggy P was being called Andrew by others in the house and he had what looked like knife slashes on his arm. Victim told his dad that he is a 'dead man' if this information gets out.

The above information should also be submitted on a Partnership Information Report (PIR) previously known as the FIB form [INSERT LINK](#) and all crimes MUST be reported to the police.

All PIR's must be sent through to: [fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk) using a secure email.

#### **Section 16: Professional judgement,**

Based on the information/intelligence you know of and have shared within the screening tool please share what level of risk you believe the child/young person or adult is currently at. You must consider the health, welfare and safety of the individual in question. Professionals must also provide a rationale and evidence of the risk level they believe the individual to be at (see below for examples).

Within this section you can also share any recommendations you might have as a professional completing the tool.

#### **Section 17: Risk levels and examples**

Below are the 4 risk levels which have been broken down to support you in making a professional judgement.

<b>No Risk evident – Universal</b>	Individual who may have additional support needs and/or vulnerabilities but is not currently deemed to be at risk of Exploitation.
<b>Low Risk - Targeted Early Help</b>	Individual who is at risk of being exploited and requires coordinated early help intervention with targeted services to prevent risks escalating.
<b>Medium Risk – Specialist Support</b>	Individual who is at increased risk of exploitation where significant harm is implicit, and the individual is likely to be/already being targeted for abuse (Evidence of risk).
<b>High Risk – Specialist Support</b>	Individual who is being exploited, is entrenched in exploitation resulting in significant harm. The individual often does not recognise, or self denies the nature of their abuse/ often in denial, and where coercion/control is implicit. (Evidence of exploitation).

**Example of professional judgement answer: No Risk**

Tyler’s parents are going through a separation and due to his additional needs Tyler is struggling to understand the separation. Tyler has gone missing twice after school now and has returned home by 11pm. On one occasion he went to Dudley McDonalds and sat there until he was asked to leave and the most recent episode, he turned up at his dad’s neighbours when his dad was out of town. Given all the information above I do not feel Tyler is being exploited and is currently not at risk of being exploited. Tyler is vulnerable and finding it difficult to understand his parent’s separation which is causing him to go missing as he says he needs time to think away from his mum or dad. Tyler is being supported through Early Help on how to support and manage his feelings without going missing.

**Example of professional judgement answer: Low Risk**

Sonia has not attended school or any education establishment in over 12 months, she was permanently excluded for bringing alcohol into school and seriously assaulting another pupil using the bottle of alcohol as a weapon. I have been supporting Sonia for 4 months and built a relationship with her. Sonia made friends with some girls at school who told her what to do and she could only be friends with them if she conformed. Since being excluded is no longer in contact with the girls from school. Sonia feels she cannot be herself around people as she will be bullied, Sonia is exploring her sexuality and feels the only way for her to keep this a secret whilst being happy is to date people online. Sonia feels people online do not know her or her friends/family and this is a good thing because being lesbian/ bisexual is frowned upon and she would be disowned by her family. Sonia is not aware of risks the internet can pose and said she was once ‘catfished’ by someone who was 24. Given the risks and vulnerabilities to Sonia I feel she is at low risk of being sexually exploited through the internet therefore; requires preventative intervention and support around safely exploring her sexuality. Sonia engages well and is open to any interventions and support I have always given.

### **Example of professional judgement answer: Significant Risk**

Tanya is a vulnerable adult who has a diagnosis of Autism. Tanya believes that anyone who is nice to her is her friend. Tanya used to be a child in care and therefore has always struggled with not having parents and siblings which is something she longs for. Tanya has her own property and is visited by support workers once a day. On the last couple of visits Tanya has had a group of young adults in her flat. I have spoken to Tanya and she has told me they are her best friends and they sometimes stay the night. Tanya has been told to keep secrets about them staying in her flat, they have also told her that they have been prescribed medicinal weed, so it is legal. I went to see Tanya yesterday and she had slept on the sofa and told me that one of her friends had a bad back and he needed to sleep in her bed. The flat smelt awful with a combination of drugs, alcohol and burnt food. I also saw two Nokia 3310's on the table with a black rucksack which was not Tanya's. Tanya appeared quite emotional and she wanted to leave the house with me and told everyone she had an appointment. I have contacted her social worker and the police who are now supporting her. I believe Tanya's flat is being used as a cuckooed premise, Tanya reports no violence or force to misuse substances however I feel she is at significant risk of County Lines and her flat being used as a base. My professional judgement is that a exploitation social work assessment is required to assess Tanya for a MACE meeting.

I am not a first responder therefore I would suggest that a National Referral Mechanism is also completed for Tanya.

### **Example of professional judgement answer: Serious Risk**

In my professional judgement I believe Sam is at serious risk of being exploited through gangs and county lines. Sam has recently started buying expensive clothing, when asked about this she states she bought it herself from doing her paper round however a paper round would not pay enough to buy the designer clothing she is buying. Sam has disclosed to her mother that she is in a relationship with Danny Kyle who is a known gang member to authorities. Although the 'relationship' is deemed age appropriate there are other concerns including Danny's violent outbursts towards Sam which she has disclosed to her family support worker. Sam says she is supporting Danny through his 'drug problems' and with this he has lashed out on her and hit her under the influence. Sam feels he can change and never reported this to the police. Danny is misusing heroin and has started to take Sam with him on jobs to Oxford where he delivers packages. Sam has also been asked to keep Danny's packages in her bedroom for him and when she said no before, she was told he would tell the police where all the packages were. This is when Sam realised what was in the packages must be illegal. Sam has not disclosed she has been introduced to any other adults through Danny however she has shared she felt under pressure to lose her virginity but shared she did consent to this as he is her 'boyfriend' and she loves him, therefore I also feel Sam is at risk of sexual exploitation. I have undertaken some work with Sam on consent and where she can access or report concerns. As a first responder I have also completed the NRM referral on the 02/11/2020.

All other names, locations, intelligence, any historic relevant information must be shared in the appropriate sections.

### **Section 18: Where to send the screening tool referral**

#### **Screening tools completed for children and young people aged 0-18years:**

For screening tools indicating '**no risk**' a copy of the tool must be referred to:

[WolverhamptonExploitationHub@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:WolverhamptonExploitationHub@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

For screening tools indicating '**low, medium or high risk**' a referral to Children's Social Care Services: MASH by completing the E-MARF by following <https://marf.wolverhampton.gov.uk/> is required accompanied by a copy of the exploitation screening tool.

#### **Screening tools completed for adults aged 18-25 years:**

For screening tools indicating '**low, medium or high**' risk a copy of exploitation screening tool is sent to [AdultMASHSecure@secure.wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:AdultMASHSecure@secure.wolverhampton.gov.uk) or [AdultMASH@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:AdultMASH@wolverhampton.gov.uk) Accompanied by an adult MARF.

### **Section 19: Social Work assessment**

The social work assessment is for completion by a social worker only.

This section must only be completed where screening tools indicate **medium-high risk** of exploitation. The social worker is required to summarise the exploitation risks, intelligence and any evidence from the screening tool and their assessments for the victim within this section. The assessment will inform a strategy discussion for a multi-agency child exploitation (MACE) meeting and therefore, should include all relevant intelligence, evidence and information relating to exploitation. Social worker will explore any gaps within the screening tool and aim to risk assess these. The screening tool will support the social worker to assess both extra and intra familial exploitation risks.

Professionals are advised to liaise with other services/professionals supporting the victim to ensure a multi-agency response.