

## Indicators of harm outside the home

Scenario	Assessment of Harm outside the Home		
	Emerging ( <a href="#">Level 2 The Right Help at the Right Time guidance</a> )	On the cusp ( <a href="#">Level 3 The Right Help at the Right Time guidance</a> )	Experiencing ( <a href="#">Level 4 The Right Help at Right Time guidance</a> )
Missing (whether reported or not)	Regularly reported missing/one significant episode but whereabouts and associates known, triggered by emotional health needs and/or push factors from the home. Attendance at school is below 85%	Regularly reported missing/one significant episode where they have travelled out of County, in the presence of others known to be exploited. Attendance at school is below 50%	Disclosure of being exploited whilst missing. Police arrests for abduction/modern day slavery offences. Located with a known perpetrator of exploitation. Attendance at school is well below 50% or not attending school
Illegal substances	Known to use alcohol and/or illegal substances (Class A and B) – perhaps without legitimate means, items going missing from home, talks about interest in substances and has knowledge of terminology linked to County Drug Lines, motivated by money. This can include ‘dealing’ vapes. Debt.	Has large amounts of money that cannot be accounted for, seen with items/goods that cannot be accounted for, increased secrecy, items located by parents/carers indicative of drug supply, significant value items missing from home. Disclosure of substantial drug debt. Mapping of associates identifies links to County Drug Lines	Has been arrested for PWITS Class A or B drugs, located in a cuckooed property, disclosure of being exploited. Has a substantial drug debt (over £1000). Threats to kill received.
Receiving items	Items such as; clothing, video-games, jewellery, food of lower value being seen without legitimate means to afford. Items temporarily provided by peers. Items in the absence of other indicators.	Items of significant value (new designer bags/clothing) with no clear explanation. Significant escalation in frequency of items, new significant relationship where there is evidence of concern from partner agencies.	Disclosure of being exploited. In a relationship with a known perpetrator/person of concern. Police arrests/stop searches suggesting criminal exploitation.
Change in behaviour and/or appearance	Escalation in secretive, avoidant, withdrawn or hostile/aggressive behaviour; where this behaviour is out of character.	Escalation in secretive, avoidant, withdrawn or hostile/aggressive behaviour; where this out of character and triggered by a particular key event suggestive of exploitation i.e. arrest, threat.	Escalation in secretive, avoidant, withdrawn or hostile/aggressive behaviour; where this is out of character; and present highly

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	Has the child's attendance at school suddenly changed or dropped below 85%	Has the child's attendance at school suddenly changed or dropped below 50%	anxious/fearful. Disclosure of being exploited. Has the child's attendance at school suddenly changed or dropped well below 50% or have the stopped attending at all
Sexual health	Sexual activity with peers a few years older (even if under-age), arranging to meet for dates (where this is age appropriate), pregnancy or STI.	Multiple pregnancies or STI's (where there is no confirmed medical rationale), disclosure of rape/sexual assault within the context of group interactions (or individuals with identified links to sexual exploitation)	Disclosure of being sexually exploited. Evidence of being trafficked for the purposes of sexual intercourse by someone who has control over them.
Safety online	Multiple accounts on Instagram, Snapchat etc. Accessing dating sites. Sharing images of self partially undressed. Disclosing an older age than is actually the case. Meeting individuals who have only spoken to online.	Sharing naked and indecent images of self-online, and outside the context of a consensual relationship. Meeting individuals from online without informing others beforehand and safety measures in place. Engaging with known perpetrators.	Disclosure of being exploited. Evidence of blackmail in relation to images shared. Coerced/forced to send images against will.
Travelling out of County	Talking about areas they have no local connection to and are out of area	Being found in areas that they have no explanation of how they got there. Being found a significant distance from home with no plausible explanation.	Disclosure of exploitation. Repeatedly being found across different County's with no explanation, and following missing episodes.
Mobile phones	Has access to more than one phone/SIM card with clear rationale from young person/carers as to why this is / in the absence of any other risk indicators.	Has multiple phones and/or SIM cards which are answered often, for short calls, and young person leaves immediately after receiving a call.	Disclosure of being exploited. Evidence on phone of setting up drug deals and advertising drugs for sale.
Peer relationships	Some friends known to services for antisocial/criminal behaviour and/or vulnerability to criminal or sexual exploitation. Peers not always known. Peers who use illegal substances. Parents/carers raising concern about who their child may be	Peers are known to services for being exploited. Mapping meetings have identified links to known locations of concern and/or key networks. Fearful of friends/associates.	Disclosure of being exploited. Evidence of a relationship with a perpetrator of exploitation and/or gang networks. Disclosure of feeling unsafe and at immediate risk of harm.

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Access to weapons	Known to carry a weapon, talks about having peers that do, is interested in photos/imagery of weapons.	Threats made to substantially harm an individual, concealing weapons, behaviours suggestive of feeling unsafe within the overall context of the young person.	Disclosure of being exploited. Has been arrested/involved in a weapons offence where there are known links to County Drug Lines.
Grooming	Prolonged contact with a groomer but without any intention to meet	Arranging to meet a person, following them being groomed	Meeting with a person, following being groomed by this person
Vulnerability factors	<p>Factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- school / education attendance – if they are not in school where are they?</li> <li>- services have not been effective at engaging the child and family</li> <li>- mental health concerns</li> <li>- learning/communication needs</li> <li>- reduced self-esteem/confidence</li> <li>- relationship breakdown or unstable home environment</li> <li>- homelessness/ sofa surfing</li> <li>- being a young carer</li> </ul> <p>Should be considered in light of the above emerging/on the cusp/experiencing factors as they may serve as additional push factors</p>		

**Note:** these are indicators only of where concern may lie. For example, a number of ‘emerging’ indicators could suggest enhanced harm. The indicators need to be considered within the individual context of the young person.

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### Emerging

- Access to universal services and early intervention for the child (Level 2 [The Right Help at Right Time guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)).
- Consultation with Opal Navigator as to whether discussion is required at MACE
- If required, Opal Navigator will support Lead professional with completion of My Safety Plan

### On the Cusp of Experiencing

- If child is not already open to children's social care, referral to be made to Contact Swindon – IFD, ensure a copy of the CERAF is shared (Level 3 [The Right Help at Right Time guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#))
- Consultation with Opal Navigator to progress to MACE pathway and Opal Allocation
- Share information/ concerns with the Police using the Police Intel Sharing Form

### Experiencing

**In the event that the child is in danger or you need an immediate police response, call 999.**

- If child is not already open to children's social care, referral to be made to Contact Swindon – IFD, ensure a copy of the CERAF is shared (Level 4 [The Right Help at Right Time guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#))
- Consultation with Opal Navigator to progress to MACE pathway and Opal Allocation
- NRM pathway
- Consider whether threshold is met for a strategy discussion
- Share information/ concerns with the Police using the Police Intel Sharing Form