



Child Exploitation

Screening Tool Guidance

The Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board has developed a child exploitation screening tool which all professionals must use when they have a concern or suspect child exploitation.

The screening tool can be downloaded from the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board website at <http://www.plymouthscb.co.uk> and allows all frontline practitioners to explore vulnerabilities and indicators present in a child or young person that you know might be at risk of or experiencing exploitation. It is intended to help **you** think about the risk to the young person and what action should be taken.

If you suspect that anyone is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999. If a child/young person is at risk of significant harm, including from child exploitation, refer immediately to Plymouth Children Social Care Services on 01752 305200.

How to use the screening tool

- If any of the risk indicators apply to a child or young person then tick the box that applies.
- The tool is guide to **inform your professional judgment**; one tick against a high risk box in one or more areas may indicate a serious risk of harm/child exploitation. Alternatively it might be an indication that other safeguarding concerns need addressing.
- If a child presents with a tick against **any** risk factor, action is required. Early intervention on a low risk factor will improve chances of a positive outcome.

What next:

Discuss the considered level of risk with your team manager/designated safeguarding leads and take appropriate action to manage the risk(s). **If the child or young person is at immediate risk of harm contact the Police on 999.**

- No risk
 - Check if the child or young person is in receipt of universal services.
- Low risk
 - Contact and discuss with the Children Social Care Services' Gateway Team or the child/young person's allocated social worker.
- Medium risk
 - Contact and discuss with the Children Social Care Services' Hub Team or the child or young person's allocated social worker.
- High risk
 - Refer to the Children Social Care Services' Hub Team or the child or young person's allocated social worker. Complete the CE Screening tool with a completed Multi-Agency Referral Form and send to the Hub Team.

Children's Social Care Services contacts:

Service	Gateway Team
Telephone	01752 668000 (Select 1 – Children's Services)
Email	gateway@plymouth.gov.uk
Out of Hours:	01752 346784