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| **London Children’s Safeguarding Procedures** | **Form 87A** |
| Referral to MPS seeking response to safeguarding concerns | |

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| **Police Admin only** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Sexual** | | **Physical** | | | **Neglect** | | **Emotional** | | |
| **Exploitation** | | **Missing** | | | **LADO** | | **Other** | | |

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| **(A) Details of Child / Young Person (under 18) or Young Adult (18-25 years)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| **Family Name:** |  | | | | **Forenames:** | | |  | | | | | |  |
| **Date of Birth:** |  | | | **Age** |  | | | **Gender:** | |  | | | |  |
| **Ethnicity:** |  | | | | **Religion:** | | | | | |  | | |  |
| **First Language:** |  | | | | **Interpreter Required?** | | | | | |  | | |  |
| **Home Address:** | Full address with postcode | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| **Telephone No:** |  | | | | | **Child’s Mobile No**: | | |  | | | | |  |
| **School/Nursery Address:** | | | Full Address with Post Code | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| **Is the Child(ren) / Adolescent(s) known to**  **another Borough?** | | | | | Yes / No | | **Borough Name(s)** | | | | | |  |  |
| **Open to YOS (Y/N)** | |  | **Agency Involvement (e.g. Open case, CIN/CP EIS)** | | | | | | | | |  | | |
| **Current residence or location if different from home address** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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| **(B) What response do you expect from this referral? Mark those that apply** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Strategy discussion over the phone** |  | **Strategy Meeting via Teams** |  | **Share Intelligence (No Strategy requested)** |  | **Other (describe)** |  | **Report crime/no Strat required** |  |

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| **(C) Main concern identified** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Domestic Abuse** |  | **Physical abuse** |  | **Neglect** |  | **LADO** |  | **Missing** |  |
| **Pre-birth concerns** |  | **Sexual abuse** |  | **Exploitation** |  | **Police Protection** |  | **Extra Familial harm** |  |
| **Contextual Risk** |  | **Other (Describe)** |  |  | | | | | |

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| **(D) Details of MASH / Local Authority Referrer** | | **Local Authority manager leading/chairing Strat** | |
| **Name:** |  | **Name:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Email:** |  | **Email:** |  |
| **Local authority:** |  | **Job designation:** |  |

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| **(E) Details of GP with access to information about the Child / Adolescent** | | | |  |
| **GP Name:** |  | | |  |
| **GP Address:** |  | | |  |
| **GP Contact Number:** |  | **GP email:** |  |  |

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| **(F) Adults or others suspected of causing or allowing harm or committing offences** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Family Name** | | | **Forenames** | **DoB** | | **M/F** | | **Ethnicity** | **Relationship to Child** | **Occupation** |
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| **Family Name** | | | **Forenames** | **DoB** | | **M/F** | | **Ethnicity** | **Relationship to Child** | **Occupation** |
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| **(G) Family Members / Other significant persons inside or outside the household** | | | | | |  | |
| **Family Name** | **Forenames** | **DoB** | **M/F** | **Ethnicity** | **Relationship to Child** | **Occupation** | |
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If further family members/details need to be added, please use Section M below

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| **(H) Nursery/School/College details of all family members under 18 years** | |  |
| **Name** | **Address of educational setting** |  |
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| **(I) Risk Factors Highlighted - if there is no definitive information the relevant section must be marked unknown** | | | | | |
| **Victim** | **Yes** | **No** | **U/K** | **Source/Reference** |  |
| Allocated social worker (provide name and mobile number) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Young age / pre-mobile baby |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subject of current Child Protection Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subject of previous Child Protection Plan |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child / young person has a disability or is neuro-diverse (ADHD,  Autism or other) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child / young person’s injury caused by weapon / implement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Privately fostered or home educated without professional oversight |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has this person been a victim in the last 12 months (In addition to this incident) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reported missing frequently, missing for a long period or perceived  high risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sexual behaviour of child / young person is not consistent with  similar peer group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Person suspected of causing sexual harm is making contact with  the child / young person |  |  |  |  |  |
| Person suspects of causing physical harm to others is making contact with the child / young person |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child / young person is using or exposed to drugs or alcohol misuse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indications of mental or emotional distress in child / young person |  |  |  |  |  |
| Signs and symptoms of exploitation – see supplementary section |  |  |  |  |  |
| Child / young person subjected to modern slavery and trafficking |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Suspect** | **Yes** | **No** | **U/K** | **Source/Reference** |  |
| Evidence of grooming / coercive control (child or perpetrator) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suspected of / history of previous abuse or neglect of a child |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suspected of / history of domestic abuse (current or past partner) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Episodes of previous violence or use of weapons |  |  |  |  |  |
| Substance / alcohol misuse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mental illness or indications of severe emotional distress |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Household** | **Yes** | **No** | **U/K** | **Source/Reference** |  |
| Children exposed to inconsistent care linked to mental health / learning difficulty |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children exposed to inconsistent care due to substance misuse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children exposed to inconsistent care due to domestic abuse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overcrowding or co-sleeping arrangements may pose risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emotional stressors within the household (money, illness, high conflict, bereavement) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some family members are not identified or may pose risk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Person with new or revived access to the child |  |  |  |  |  |
| Neglect linked to deprivation or poverty in home/local area |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **(J) Family members with known disability, mental health concern or learning difficulty believed to be a trigger for potential risk** | | |
| **Name** | **Relevant information** | |
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| **(K) Additional risk factors**  Is there evidence or reason to suspect that an involved adult has been dishonest with professionals or is being prevented from providing information about the welfare of the child? |
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| **(L) Additional Information**  Further information that could not be given in sections above e.g. additional family members, information about local contextual factors |
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| **(M) Event leading to the referral inc. Connect reference number if available**  Summarise the event leading to the referral, (include relevant dates) |
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| **(N) Background/History**  Summarise any known risk factors, information that is missing or unknown but potentially important and the current risk assessment (Please consider victims, offenders locations and themes) |
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| **(O) Strategy discussion, decisions and action required (POLICE SUPERVISOR TO COMPLETE OR AUTHORISE)**  Add date/ time, location, attendees, discussion, decision and actions |
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**If you have a child criminal and / or child sexual exploitation concern complete the details below**

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| **Summarise risk factors and current risk assessment – see guidance below on the use of SAFEGUARD to categorise and evaluate risks linked to exploitation at the end of this form** | | |
| **Individual risk factors – information relevant to suspected exploiters should be included in Section I above. Please consider atypical signs of exploitation that may not be included in SAFEGUARD. Pay attention to information that is missing or unknown. List the source of information so that it can be researched further.** | | |
| S | **Sexual Risk, Harm and Wellbeing** |  |
| **A** | **Absence, Truancy and Going Missing** |  |
| **F** | **Family and Home** |  |
| **E** | **Emotional and Physical Health** |  |
| **G** | **Gangs, Street groups, Age differential and involvement in crime** |  |
| **U** | **Use of Technology and Sexual Bullying** |  |
| **A** | **Alcohol and Substances** |  |
| **R** | **Receipt of Unexplained Gifts or Money** |  |
| **D** | **Distrust of Authority Figures** |  |
| **Contextual information relevant to the risk of exploitation** | |  |
| **Peers and associates** | |  |
| **Location in which the child lives, is educated or travels** | |  |
| **School or college environment and safeguarding risks** | |  |
| **Exposure to online harms** | |  |

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| **Police Only** | | **Professional assessment of risk on the basis of information provided so far taking account of information still to be obtained** | | | | | |
| Emerging Risk | | Some evidence that the child or young person is at risk of exploitation. Some concerns that the child/ young person is at risk of being targeted or groomed, but there are positive protective factors in the child’s life. The child / young person may require a referral to targeted early intervention services for education / intervention. | | | | |  |
| Moderate Risk | | Child is vulnerable to being exploited / but there are not immediate/ urgent safeguarding concerns. There is evidence the child / young person may experience protective factors, but circumstances place him/her at risk of exploitation. | | | | |  |
| Significant Risk | | Evidence / disclosure suggests that the child is at immediate and / or continuing risk of criminal exploitation. The child / young person is exposed to high risk situations / relationships and there may be a lack of protective factors. Evidence / assessments, suggest that the child is experiencing exploitation (although they may not recognise this). | | | | |  |
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| **Supervisor (Sergeant) Signature** | | | | | | | |
| **Signed:** |  | | **Print Name:** |  | **Date:** |  | | |

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| **Metropolitan Police Child Exploitation SAFEGUARD *mnemonic***  **This supports the description of exploitation concerns. Lists are not exhaustive so referrers should highlight other concerns** | | |
| **Existing Risk Factors (not exhaustive)** | | |
| 1. **Sexual Risk, Harm and Wellbeing** | | |
| * Sexually transmitted infections/pregnancy/terminations * Changes or out of character sexualised behaviour in an unsafe context or environment. * Visible physical markings which would suggest sexual interaction i.e. love bites * Displaying sexualised behaviour * Child or young person subjected to or witness of a sexual crime * Increasing use of sexualised language * Talks about or witness to recent incidents of violence. * Admits to carrying or will carry a weapon for self-protection.   *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **2. Absence, Truancy and Going Missing** | | |
| * Truancy /unexplained absences from school/permanently excluded * Staying out overnight /absences from the family home/placement * Extended periods of being missing from home / placement * Is there a change in routine or the above behaviours out of character for the child * Taken to parties, houses, unknown areas, hotels, nightclubs, takeaways or out of area by unknown adults | | * Returns from missing episodes with injuries or dishevelled /unkempt physical appearance * Returning home with new unexplained clothing or belongings * Talking about travelling to different areas of cities * Persistently found in different areas of London * Found outside London Area – use of Train links etc. (links to County Lines) * Found in possession of Paid Train tickets– Uber cars/coach tickets and consider mode of transport/payment * Abducted and forced imprisonment (described by young person as “locked in”) |
| *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **3. Family and Home** | | |
| * Neglect – Consider Emotional/Physical /Sexual - Lack of parental supervision * Lack of positive relationships/understanding or trust within the household * Evidence of decline in relationship and/or communication with family/parent/carer – out of character/changes in behaviour | | * Reduced contact with family/friends or – out of character behaviour changes * Known older siblings/family members involved in drug distribution/county lines/gangs/CSE – indicators/signs of the child is being groomed or targeted * Family linked to serious and organised crime * Family members victim of serious violence * Parental absence * Parental substance dependency |
| *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **4. Emotional and Physical Health** | | |
| * Concerns of self-harm and/or eating disorders (especially new or increased) * Difficulty in making or maintaining friendships with peers * Increasing language in relation to drug dealing and/or violence * Signs of withdrawal/distancing/low communication and secrecy i.e. experiences of trauma , PTSD * Expressions around invincibility or not caring about what happens to them | | * Changes in physical appearance or attire * Increased concerns of self-harm / Violent / emotional outbursts or bullying or threatening behaviour * Increasingly disruptive, hostile or physically aggressive at home/placement or school * Unexplained physical injuries suggestive of physical assault * Marks/injuries not consistent with the explanation of the child * Attendance at A&E with significant injuries (especially if caused by a knife/weapon) |
| *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **5. Gangs, Street groups, Age differentials and involvement in crime** | | |
| * Associating with known drug dealers / connections to county lines – indicators/signs of being targeted or groomed * Forced to sell drugs to pay off debts e.g. drug debt (debt bondage) * Threats to Life or threats of harm made to child / family * Child forming new / unknown friendships or associations with older males/females | * Arrested /Come to Police attention in the following circumstances:  1. outside of London 2. arrested for drug related offences/ robbery/offensive weapons/ money laundering 3. within a cuckooed address 4. and there are indicators /signs of being targeted or groomed  * Criminal gains not evident when clearly engaged in criminal activity | |
| *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **6. Use of Technology and Sexual Bullying** | | |
| * Receives an excessive number of text messages or phone calls i.e. being tasked to engage in criminality * Chatroom attendance / On line dating * Forming new associations online with older men/women | * Signs of Cyber Bullying and on-line grooming / sexting /Chatrooms/Apps consider perpetrators * In possession of multiple handsets, sim cards / sim card packaging, ‘burner’ type handsets * Possession of hotel keys/cards or keys to unknown locations | |
| *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **7. Alcohol and Substances** | | |
| * Frequenting/associating in areas for selling drugs -indicators/signs of being targeted or groomed * Child has engaged or increased in either alcohol/drug use which is out of character * Found in possession /supply of drugs (especially heroin/crack cocaine) * Found/frequenting in areas/properties known for drug activity i.e. Crack House /Cuckooing/Flophouse   *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **8. Receipt of Unexplained Gifts or Money** | | |
| * New or expensive possessions which cannot be accounted for * Unexplained Money/mobile phones/phone credit/travelling in taxis/pre-paid rail/coach tickets * Undertakes ‘work’ in return for material items or money   *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **9. Distrust of Authority Figures** | | |
| * Resistance to communicating with parents, carers, teachers, social carers, health, police officers and others.   *\*\*\* Please make clear signs/indicators/evidence of targeting and/or grooming of the child by another* | | |
| **Remember to apply any relevant contextual factors to all exploitation referrals**  This will assist with the identification of themes &/or emerging trends at MACE (Multi Agency Exploitation Panel) | | |
| * Peers and associates | | |
| * Location in which the child lives, is educated or travels | | |
| * School or college environment and safeguarding risks | | |
| * Exposure to online harms | | |

Retention Period: 6 Years

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