Sefton Child Exploitation (CE) Pathway

NB If a child is at risk of significant harm at any point in the CE pathway, CP procedures and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) Guidance should be followed and a strategy meeting convened

Professional

Child Exploitation Concerns

Professional completes the Child Exploitation Screening Tool (if possible)

Is the child suffering or at risk from significant harm through exploitation?

NO

Are there early indications of child exploitation?

YES

YES

The CE Screening Tool should be discussed during the conversation

Professional makes a referral to CHAT and discusses concerns

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Professional makes a referral to FAST and discusses concerns

FAST

Family Advice & Support Team (FAST) (Early Help)

FAST complete CE Screening Tool

Is the child suffering or at risk from significant harm through exploitation?

NO

Are there early indications of child exploitation?

YES

YES

Progress to allocation/ assessment within Early Help

NO

CHAT

Children Help & Advice Team (CHAT) (CSC)

Threshold met for Children Social Care (CSC)

YES

Social Worker

Progress to Assessment (45 days to complete)

Social Worker identifies exploitation concerns through Assessment

If CE concerns arise during the assessment period, CSC can consult with My Space

Social Worker completes CE screening tool to identify indicators and risks of exploitation

Team Manager

CE Screening tool reviewed by Team Manager to identify indicators and risks of exploitation.

Team Manager agrees the child is suffering or at risk of exploitation.

NO

Team Manager records manager oversight, indicating no risk of exploitation and authorises the screening tool

YES

Team Manager records manager oversight, indicating risk of exploitation and sends the screening tool to My Space

My Space

CE screening tool discussed at Daily Morning Meeting (DMM). Case to progress to allocation to My Space.

NO

No evidence of CE. Return to Social Worker. Continue existing plan.

YES

Initial Exploitation Team Around the Child (ETAC) meeting to be held within 72 hours

Case is co-worked with My Space team My Space Team Manager Chairs ETAC

Initial ETAC held within 72 hours of receipt

As part of child's existing CIN, CP or Care Plan

ETAC Review Every 4-6 weeks

Chaired by Team Manager

YES

Continue with ETAC

NO

Complete CE Screening Tool
and refer back for final decision to CIN, CP or Care Plan before ending ETAC

Process
Decision
Action

CSC – Children Social Care
FAST – Family Advice & Support Team
CHAT – Children's Help Advice Team
ETAC – Exploitation Team Around the Child
CIN – Child in Need
CP – Child Protection

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