

What did we do?

We reviewed three children who were referred to Children's Social Care through the Child Exploitation Pathway. This briefing outlines **the key practice recommendations**. Please **share** it with colleagues and other professionals to disseminate learning widely.

Engage the child: listen to and involve them

Help children to be engaged in the assessment and plans about them by enabling them to **express their views and feelings themselves** or through those they have a positive relationship with. Consider an advocate if this helps the child's voice to be heard.

Avoid language that blames the child

This **does not safeguard them or their families or help their recovery from trauma**.

Please refer to the guidance in the "Engagement" Section of the [Child Exploitation Practice Guidance and Protocol](#).

To learn more about identifying and responding to exploitation

Book on the multi-agency Exploitation Briefing via the [SSCP Safeguarding Training Page](#)



Ensure assessments and plans involve everyone

Child exploitation assessment and plans should include **information from** and be **shared with the child, their family and all involved agencies**.

Read and embed the Child Exploitation Practice Guidance and Protocol into your everyday practice

The Child Exploitation Tools and Pathways can be accessed [here](#).

Resolve professional concerns and differences (and escalate if necessary).

It is important to use the [Escalation Policy](#) when individual agency actions or decisions may increase the risk of exploitation to the child (for example **critical moments** such as exclusion from education or arrest etc).

Review according to the level of risk

Review in accordance with the timeframes outlined in the "Managing and Responding" section of the [Child Exploitation Practice Guidance and Protocol](#).

Ensure the assessment is reflected in wider assessments and plans about the child.

Use of the Child Exploitation Tools and Pathway Practitioners Briefing

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