**Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Information Form**



**All** of the following information is required when there are concerns regarding a child being at risk of /and or experiencing exploitation.

This referral should be used where there is evidence or intelligence to suggest that a child is being or has been ‘exploited’.

‘Child Exploitation’ includes:

* Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
* Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
	+ County Lines
	+ Children involved or living within or affected by Organised Crime Groups
* Child Trafficking and other forms of Modern Day Slavery

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| **Referral** |  | **Review** |  | **Final** |  |

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| **Named worker leading on the Risk Assessment**  |  | **Contact Details & Agency** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Authorising line manager**  |  | **Contact Details & Agency** |  | **Date** |  |

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| **Child’s full name (+ aliases)**  | **D.O.B.**  | **Age**  | **Home Address and contact number**  | **Agency I.D. Reference Number**  |
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| **Disability**  | **Gender Identity**  | **Ethnicity**  | **First language** | **Child Legal Status** |
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| **GP Details & contact number** | **Known to Police** | **Known to YOS** | **Known to CAMHS** | **Current School** |
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| * **Additional Information**
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| \*Such as professional relationships  |

**Child Exploitation Risk Assessment**

**The Child Exploitation Risk Assessment should be developed alongside with and complimenting any other plan for the young person’s welfare. Please use this tool in line with local Safeguarding Partnership Procedures.**

**Professional Assessment of Safeguarding Risk Indicators**

* In order to identify children at risk of or experiencing exploitation and follow a clear plan of effective inter-agency action, consider **ALL** of the 14 risk indicators and record a level of risk against each, before proceeding according to local procedures.
* Evidence of exploitation is mandatory.
* **Note:** where a child under the age of 13 years old, and /or has learning disability and there are concerns regarding child exploitation, a referral to Children’s Social Work Services is required.
* The 14 main heading risk indicators are not exhaustive; they are simply those mostly commonly recognised which may indicate a risk of child exploitation; there may be other relevant factors present which require consideration and analysis. **One** tick in a high risk box, or several in low risk may indicate a serious risk of child exploitation, alternatively this might be an indication of other concerns that require addressing via the child’s overall plan, or by accessing other appropriate services
* The risk and vulnerability factors provided against each of the 14 risk indicator headings are also not exhaustive; they are simply prompts for consideration. Consequently, the recorded risk for each of the 14 risk indicators does not necessarily need to correspond with the risk and vulnerability factors highlighted. It is therefore important to provide analysis to evidence how the assessment of an individual risk indicator has been achieved.
* When assessing a child or young person’s risk of exploitation, it is essential to highlight if the concerns and the information being provided is **current or historic**. If the concern or information is historic but relevant, **it necessary to evidence how this relates to the current assessed risk**.
* When completing the CE risk assessment, it is crucial that the child or young person’s use of **social media** is considered throughout.
* Consider a referral via the NRM if it is suspected that the child is being moved for the purposes of exploitation.

\*Please indicate a level of assesses risk against **ALL** the following 14 risk indicators

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|  | **Risk Indicator - Family and peer relationships** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
* Carer(s) show warmth, support the young person and have positive communication with the young person.
* The young person has positive friendships.
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| **Low** | * Appropriate boundaries are in place and effective.
* Reduced contact with family or friends which is of concern or there is an unexplained change in attitude from the young person regarding the relationship, which raises some concerns.
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| **Moderate**  | * Carer(s) lack understanding, tolerance and at times warmth towards the young person.
* Parents fail to report missing episodes.
* Family relationships are strained.
* Report a change in behaviour or presentation.
* Family or Friends or peers are suspected or known offenders.
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| **Significant** | * Suspected abuse in family (emotional, neglect, physical or sexual).
* There is little or no communication between the carer(s).
* There is a lack of warmth or understanding, attachment or trust.
* Parents fail to report missing episodes.
* Parent or Carer does not implement age appropriate boundaries
* Breakdown in family relationships / no contact.
* Family or Friends or peers are known offenders.
* Young person is socially isolated from peers.
* Friends are assessed to be at risk of CE.
* Criminality within the family environment.
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| **PROVIDE****EVIDENCE****(Mandatory)** |  |

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|  | **Risk Indicator - Accommodation** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
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| **Low** | * Some accommodation concerns, but overall accommodation meets young person’s needs and the young person is happy.
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| **Moderate**  | * The young person is unhappy with their accommodation.
* The young person moves frequently or leads a transient existence.
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| **Significant** | * Concerns about location and isolation.
* The young person has left accommodation without explanation.
* Homeless.
* Intelligence to link young person to suspected trap houses.
* The unexplained access to keys to premises.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Education** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
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| **Low** | * Mainly engaged in employment, school or training.
* Some truanting but limited concerns, mainly positive friendships in education, training or employment setting.
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| **Moderate**  | * Full time education, training or employment but irregular or poor attendance during school hours often unknown.
* Friendships in education, training or employment setting are with others at risk of exploitation.
* Noticeable change in attendance, performance or behaviour.
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| **Significant** | * Regular breakdown of school or training placements due to behavioural problems.
* Not engaged in education or employment or motivated to be.
* Being excluded from mainstream education, in particular attending alternative education.
* Whereabouts often unknown.
* Friendships or peer groups either within or outside the education, employment or training setting are with others at risk of exploitation.
* Electively home educated.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Emotional Health** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which may relate to exploitation
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| **Low** | * Concerns regarding low mood.
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| **Moderate**  | * Low self-esteem or self-confidence, at times expression of despair.
* Internal Self-harm: Cutting, Overdosing, Eating disorder.
* Trauma-related symptoms.
* External (intensive acting out): Bullying or threatening behaviour, aggression, violent outbursts, offending behaviour.
* Concerning substance misuse.
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| **Significant** | * Chronic low self-esteem or self- confidence.
* Mental health problems or expression of despair.
* Internal (Self-harm): Cutting, Overdosing, Eating disorder.
* Previous suicide attempts.
* External (intensive acting out): Bullying or threatening behaviour, violent outbursts, Offending behaviour.
* Dependency on substances or alcohol.
* Trauma-related symptoms.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Experience of Violence** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
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| **Low** | * No known reported incidents of the young person being a victim of violence or witnessing domestic abuse, (including peer relationships) although some professional concerns.
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| **Moderate**  | * Concerns that the young person has been or is being exposed to violence in the home or from others.
* Abusive significant relationship
* Physical symptoms suggestive of physical or sexual assault.
* Disclosure of physical or sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation.
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| **Significant** | * Known abuse towards the young person from family members.
* Peers or older friends or partners are violent towards the young person.
* Abusive significant relationship.
* Unexplained physical injuries, whether sexual or otherwise.
* Evidence of coercion or control.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Running away / going missing** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
* Concerns relate to behaviours which fall within normal young person behaviour.
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| **Low** | * Often comes home late or has incidents of absence without permission and returning late.
* Whereabouts often unknown.
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| **Moderate**  | * Often staying out late or overnight without permission or explanation.
* Whereabouts at times unknown, young person secretive about whereabouts.
* Repeated episodes of running away or going missing or absent from placement. (Including short periods and unreported episodes)
* Regular breakdown of placements.
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| **Significant** | * Frequently reported missing due to extensive or frequent periods of missing or running away from placement.
* Whereabouts often unknown.
* Missing with others known to be at risk of CE.
* Located in separate force area.
* Regular breakdown of placements.
* Pattern of street homelessness.
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| **PROVIDE****EVIDENCE** **(Mandatory)** |  |

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|  | **Risk Indicator - Contact with abusive adults and / or unsafe environments** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.

young person has a good understanding of exploitative or abusive behaviour and can use it to keep themselves safe. (including how to stay safe on social media or the internet) |  |
| **Low** | * Associates with unknown adults or young people suspected to be at risk of exploitation.
* Accessing one or more social networking sites and may be ‘friends’ with a number of unknown people, but there are limited concerns.
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| **Moderate**  | * Associating with unknown adults or other exploited young people.
* Extensive use of phone (particularly late at night, & secret use).
* May have use of more than one mobile phone.
* Reported to have been in areas where there are concerns related to criminal activity.
* Some understanding of abusive or exploitative behaviour and may recognise risks but unable to apply knowledge.
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| **Significant** | * Evidence of association or relationships with adults or older peers believed or known to be involved in grooming or exploitation.
* Willing to meet up with people they have only met online.
* Seen or picked up, in areas where street sex work is known to take place.
* Gang association either through relatives, peers or intimate relationships.
* Very limited or no recognition of abusive or exploitative behaviour.
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|  | **Risk Indicator – Controlled Substances** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
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| **Low** | * Mild use of substances (including alcohol) drugs or alcohol, but concerns relate to behaviours which fall within normal experimental behaviour.
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| **Moderate**  | * Evidence of regular substance (including alcohol) use.
* Concerns for use or dependency & change or increase of use.
* Some concerns regarding how substance misuse is being funded.
* Concerns regarding how substances are being accessed.
* Intelligence linking young person to drug supply.
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| **Significant** | * Evidence of heavy or dependant or worrying substance misuse (including alcohol).
* Chronic dependency of highly addictive substances.
* Increased concerns for use or dependency and funding and supply of usage.
* Arrested for drug supply offences.
* Intelligence suggesting county lines involvement.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Coercion / control** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation
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| **Low** | * Some concerns about coercion or control within significant relationships.
* Reduced contact with family or friends, which raises concern.
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| **Moderate**  | * Limited contact with family or friends.
* Appears to be ‘controlled’ or negatively influenced by others.
* Concerns about significant relationships and domestic abuse or violence.
* Physical injuries, whether external or internal, including unexplained injuries.
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| **Significant** | * No contact with family or friends
* Disclosure of physical or sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation.
* Physical injuries – external or internal.
* Significant relationship(s) is assessed to involve abuse, violence or is controlling.
* Abduction or forced imprisonment.
* Disappears from system (no contact with support systems).
* Gang association through relatives or peers or intimate relationships.
* Young person is being exploited by a gang or criminal group or associated to gang members.
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|  | **Risk Indicator – Rewards (Including online reward)** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation
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| **Low** | * Some unaccounted for monies or goods (new clothes, mobile top-ups, mobile phones- etc).
* Ability to fund non tangible goods.
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| **Moderate**  | * Unaccounted for cash or goods, (new clothes, make–up, jewellery, mobile phones, mobile phone top–ups, sim cards etc).
* Concerns regarding the funding of misuse of drugs or alcohol or use of tobacco through unknown sources.
* Some concerns about how the young person funds other items (fast food, taxi fares, etc).
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| **Significant** | * Significant concerns regarding unaccounted for cash or goods, especially jewellery, items of clothing and mobile phones, which the young person is unable to provide explanation for.
* Has use of more than one mobile phone.
* Unexplained funding of meals, taxis, alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Sexual health****& relationships** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation, is not sexually active and is aware of where to get support and advice when needed.
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| **Low** | * Young person is sexually active and in an equal consensual relationship with a peer.
* Young person does not feel pressured, they feel they can say ‘no’ and is following ‘safe sex’ advice.
* Possible evidence of having or had a sexually transmitted disease.
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| **Moderate**  | * Recurring or more than one sexually transmitted disease.
* Miscarriage(s) or concerns about untreated STIs, termination(s), pregnancy.
* Young person is sexually active, is not practising safe sex and is not accessing or willing to access support from any sexual health services.
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| **Significant** | * Recurring or multiple STIs.
* Concerns about untreated STIs.
* Miscarriage(s), termination(s), pregnancy.
* Physical symptoms suggestive of sexual assault.
* Young person pressured to have sex or to perform sexual.
* Young person is being sexually abused by an adult or there is an inappropriate relationship age gap.
* Young person is under 13 and sexually active (rape, unable to consent).
* Sex is non-consensual – young person is experiencing violence or coercion with sex, or are unable to consent due to intoxication or substance misuse.
* Young person is made to watch sexual acts being performed on others.
* Young person discloses sexual abuse.
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|  | **Risk Indicator – Social Networking** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to social networking.
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| **Low** | * Contacting unknown adults or older peers through the internet, but concerns are limited.
* A high volume of friends or followers on social media platforms.
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| **Moderate**  | * Concerns about proactive inappropriate or risky use of the internet and social media, sharing of images, sexting, making contact with adults or peers via social media.
* Unknown adults initiating contact with young person via social media.
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| **Significant** | * Inadequate privacy settings.
* Lack of education regarding safe internet use.
* Access to dating sites.
* Has posted inappropriate language, information or sexual pictures, when asked to by an adult or older peer or unknown person.
* Proactively uses the internet or social media to share images, make contact or arrange to meet up with adults or peers.
* Interacts with young people or adults known to be involved with sexual exploitation online.
* Evidence of sexualised bullying via the internet or social media sites.
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|  | **Risk Indicator – Physical risks** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
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| **Low** | * No identified risk to others.
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| **Moderate**  | * Evidence of intimidation within peer group.
* Bullying and threatening behaviour.
* Offending behaviour.
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| **Significant** | * Displays violence towards others, angry outbursts (including family members and carers).
* Bullying and threatening behaviour.
* Offending behaviour.
* Gang association either through relatives, peers or intimate relationships.
* Intelligence suggesting weapons or firearms possession.
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|  | **Risk Indicator - Engagement with services** |
| **No risk identified** | * No concerns identified in this area which relate to exploitation.
* Concerns relate to behaviours which relate to normal young person behaviours.
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| **Low** | * Lack of engagement, some difficulty in contacting the young person which raises concern.
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| **Moderate**  | * Some engagement but sporadic contact, often misses appointments, limited explanation, professional concern, sudden or lack of engagement, secretive and unwilling to engage meaningfully.
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| **Significant** | * Frequently not brought to medical appointments.
* Secretive, limited explanations or secretive and unable to engage meaningfully, concerning changes in behaviour.
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| **Other child(ren) & family factors to consider.**(Please highlight if any are relevant.) |
| * **Family:**
	+ Abuse / neglect in the family.
	+ Parental Substance misuse / criminal activity / criminal associations.
	+ Parental mental health.
	+ Adult sex work.
	+ Learning disabilities.
* **Child:**
	+ Learning disabilities.
	+ Financially unsupported.
	+ Migrant /refugee /asylum seeker.
	+ Recent bereavement or loss or illness of a significant person in the child’s life.
	+ Unsure about sexual orientation or unable to disclose sexual orientation to their families.
	+ Young carer.
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| **Voice/views of the child or young person** |
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| **Views of the parent / carer** |
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| **Information about suspects, vehicles and locations**(\*Such as the name of adults /peers about who there are concerns, relating to the child’s risk of exploitation) |
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**What Next**

* On completion of this risk identification tool, please make an initial judgement about the level of risk of criminal exploitation for the child / young person.
* Please **tick** against your assessed level of risk and discuss this with your Team Manager /designated Child Protection Lead and take appropriate action to manage the risks, in accordance with the Local Authority / Safeguarding Partnership procedures.

**Overall Assessed Level of exploitation Risk**

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| **No exploitation concerns**  | Whilst there may be concerns for the welfare of the young person, which may involve the requirement of service provision, for other assessed risks, the assessment or risk indicates that there is no current risk of the young person being at risk of, or experiencing exploitation. |  |
| **Low Risk** | The indicators and assessment raise some concerns that the young person is at risk of exploitation, and or places him or herself at risk. Concern that the young person is at risk of being targeted or exploited, but there are positive protective factors in the child young person life.  |  |
| **Moderate Risk** | The assessment indicates that the young person is vulnerable to exploitation, but that there are no immediate or urgent safeguarding concerns. There is evidence the young person may be a risk of opportunistic abuse, or is being targeted or groomed. The young person may experience protective factors, but circumstances or behaviours place him or her at risk of exploitation.  |  |
| **Significant Risk** | Indicators, Assessment, Evidence, Disclosure suggests that the young person is being, or at significant risk of being criminally exploited.  |  |

**The following action plan needs to be completed for any child that is deemed at Low, Medium or High risk of exploitation**

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| **Safety Plan**  |
| Risk identified | How is the risk being managed | By whom  | When | Review / update |
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| **Line Manager/ Designated Child Protection lead verification**  |  | **Date agreed** |  |

**Review timescales**

For those children and young people who are judged to be at low, medium or high risk of Child Exploitation, the level of risk **must** be reviewed at the following frequency:

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| **LOW RISK** | **Darlington 6 weekly**  | **At low risk work should be incorporated into the child’s current care plan**  |
| **MODERATE RISK** | **Darlington 4 weekly**  | **Forward this assessment form to ERASE (Child Exploitation) Team (email below)** |
| **SIGNIFICANT RISK** | **Darlington 4 weekly**  | **Forward this assessment form to ERASE (Child Exploitation) Team (email below)** |

**Please send medium and high assessments electronically via secure email**

* **Durham Children and Young People to First Contact at Durham Social Services**
* **Darlington Children and Young People to Children’s front door at Darlington Borough Council** **childrensfrontdoor@darlington.gov.uk**
* **All assessments to the CEVT inbox at** **CEVT@durham.pnn.police.uk**