

# Risk Outside the Home

## Info-sheet



### Introduction

As outlined in Working Together 2018:

*As well as threats to the welfare of children from within their families, children may be vulnerable to abuse or exploitation from outside their families. These extra-familial threats might arise at school and other educational establishments, from within peer groups, or more widely from within the wider community and/or online. These threats can take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple threats.*

In North Lincolnshire, our Risk Outside the Home Approach includes:

- Child sexual exploitation
- Criminal exploitation by criminal gangs and organised crime groups such as county lines
- Serious youth violence
- Child trafficking
- Modern day slavery
- Online abuse
- Teenage relationship abuse
- Bullying
- Child on child sexual violence and harassment and harmful sexual behaviour
- Children vulnerable to radicalisation

This info-sheet highlights the policies and procedures, guidance, key documents and resources including education and training available on the [Children's MARS website](#) relating to risk outside the home.

### Policies, procedures and guidance

The Children's MARS website contains a wide range of local policies, procedures and guidance across a number of topics. The key ones that relate to risk outside the home can be accessed via the [policies, procedures and guidance page](#) and are highlighted below:

#### Statutory policies, procedures and guidance

##### Assessing need and providing help

This guidance outlines early help, information sharing, making a referral to Children's Services, and what happens once a referral has been made.

##### Helping Children and Families in North Lincolnshire 2020/24 Document

This document sets out how services support children, young people and families to participate, find help online and in their networks and communities, to be resilient, stay safe and independent. The document contains information relating to the values and principals of the One Family Approach which aims to keep children in their family, in their school and in their communities.

## Supplementary policies, procedures and guidance

### **Child sexual exploitation: Definition and a guide for practitioners, local leaders and decision makers working to protect children from child sexual exploitation**

This guidance outlines the policy and procedures for how organisations and agencies should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people from sexual exploitation.

### **Child sexual exploitation: Vulnerabilities and risk indicators guide**

This guide sets out who is vulnerable to child sexual exploitation (CSE), vulnerabilities as examples of the types of things children can experience that might make them more susceptible to CSE and potential indicators of risk as children rarely self-report CSE so it is important that practitioners are aware of these.

### **Child criminal exploitation: Definition and a guide for practitioners, local leaders and decision makers working to protect children from child criminal exploitation**

This guidance outlines the policy and procedures for how organisations and agencies should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people from criminal exploitation.

### **Child criminal exploitation: Vulnerabilities and risk indicators guide**

This guide sets out who is vulnerable to child criminal exploitation (CCE), vulnerabilities as examples of the types of things children can experience that might make them more susceptible to CCE and potential indicators of risk as children rarely self-report CCE so it is important that practitioners are aware of these.

### **Children who runaway or go missing from home and care protocol**

This protocol outlines our multi-agency approach to children who runaway or go missing from home and care.

### **Guidance on working with children, young people and adults who are vulnerable to radicalisation**

This guidance explains the indicators and actions to be taken regarding children and young people who are vulnerable to radicalisation and explains the Prevent and Channel process.

### **Prevent referral form**

This form can be downloaded from our website and used to refer a young person to Prevent. For more information, please see the Children's MARS guidance on working with children, young people and adults who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

### **Complex and organised child abuse policy and procedure**

This procedure sets out how a multi-agency investigation into complex and organised child abuse would take place.

## Key documents

### **North Lincolnshire Risk Outside the Home Approach**

This document sets out our local approach to risk outside the home. Utilising the One Family Approach as the underpinning framework, the risk outside the home approach consists of 3 key elements which are set out in detail within the document.

### **North Lincolnshire Risk Outside the Home Strategy 2022/25**

This Strategy sets out our local response to risk outside the home and the priorities for partnership action to drive forward system change. The definition for the types of harm relating to risk outside the home is also set out in this document. The Strategy can be found on the [key documents page](#) of our website.

## Resources

### Training presentations

A basic awareness risk outside the home training presentation provides staff with an overview of the types of harm included within the category of risk outside the home. The presentations is available to access from the [training page](#).

A harmful sexual behaviour awareness presentation specifically for schools, colleges and settings is also available on our website. This provides guidance on developmentally appropriate behaviours and includes a number of scenario-based activities to test your knowledge.

### e-workbooks

In addition to training courses, there are a number of e-workbooks available to access from the [training page](#). The e-workbooks provide a basic awareness of safeguarding children and are certified by the Children's MARS Board upon completion. E-workbooks are available on child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation.

### Toolkits

A Risk Outside the Home Toolkit is available on the [resources page](#) which includes many tools, resources and sources of support which families can be signposted to, relating to all types of harm associated with risk outside the home.

The Domestic Abuse Toolkit also contains information relating to teenage relationship abuse.

### 7-minute briefings

On the [learning from practice page](#) of our website, there are a number of 7-minute briefings which outline the learning from Children's MARS scrutiny and assurance activity. Other briefings for practitioners are available outlining the key points from national reports. 7 minute briefings are available on child sexual and criminal exploitation and harmful sexual behaviour.

### Information for Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools, colleges and settings

A range of information is available on the Designated Safeguarding Leads page on our website including:

- A selection of 2 minute briefings on topics such as harmful sexual behaviour, prevent, child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation and county lines
- Information and guidance for schools relating to harmful sexual behaviour
- Meeting papers and resources from previous DSL termly briefings which include information, advice and guidance relating to various types of risk outside the home

### Resources for children, young people and families

The [children, young people and families page](#) contains a number of resources specifically aimed at children and parents including information around how families can access support. We recommend that staff and volunteers also make themselves familiar with this page and signpost families to the information.

This page also contains information around what to do if you are worried about a child and how to contact North Lincolnshire Children's Services.

### Resources for practitioners

The [resources page](#) is regularly updated with the latest resources which can be used to provide support to children and families. This page also contains details on a number of services to which families can self-refer

and seek support from. Resources are categorised by topic and information is available on all types of harm relating to risk outside the home.

## Education and Training

The Children's MARS Board seeks to support individuals in keeping up to date with their knowledge and skills relating to safeguarding children.

Our education and training programme gives an overview of training courses, e-learning and other forms of education and training available locally and nationally. Details of upcoming courses and booking information is available on the [training page](#). Courses are free of charge to all practitioners and volunteers working with children and families in any organisation.

Examples of our regular courses include:

- Brook Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool
- Risk outside the home including child exploitation and county lines
- Drug trends and substance misuse

*Please note, the above courses are subject to change. We may also commission bespoke courses throughout the year from national organisations and experts. Please see the 'upcoming courses' section on the training page or our education and training programme for actual course availability.*

## Communications

The Children's MARS Board is committed to effective communication and stakeholder engagement with professionals and volunteers, parents/carers, children and young people and members of the public. Below are a number of key mechanisms which are used to communicate with stakeholders and raise awareness of risk outside the home, many of which can be found on the [communications page](#) of the Children's MARS website.

### Children's MARS Spotlight

The Children's MARS Spotlight is a mechanism for coordinating key communications messages, tools and resources and upcoming training associated with the Children's MARS 'Shine a Light' areas of focus. A collection of previous Spotlights are available on our website including those on the themes child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation.

### News Updates

The Children's MARS Board produces quarterly news updates which provide information on the work of the Board and includes updates on local and national guidance. We also promote new training opportunities, resources for professionals and volunteers, support for children and families and information relating to events and conferences. A collection of previous news updates and special editions can be found on the communications page.

### Events

Presentations from our events are available to view and download from the communications page including the information shared relating to risk outside the home which formed a part of the Children's MARS Conference 2022.