

# Quick guide to ...

## Persons who pose a risk by Exploitation Process

### What is Level 2?

The Multi-Agency Child Exploitation Level 2 meetings focus on the following vulnerabilities:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT)
- Missing from Home (MFH)
- Online Child Exploitation and Wider Contextual Safeguarding



Meetings facilitate the sharing of information about children at risk of exploitation, as well as potential perpetrators and locations that could pose a risk to children. The groups formulate multi-agency action plans to identify, detect and disrupt the risks to children in the community.

### How do professionals identify someone who may pose a risk by exploitation?



If a professional believes an individual to pose a direct or immediate threat to a child, they should contact the Police on 101 (or 999 if an emergency). If a professional has concerns that an individual may pose a risk by exploitation towards a child, but does not require an immediate response, they should submit a [Police Partnership Information form](#). Cumbria Police will then review and assess the information and share it with the Level 2 meeting. Information around an individual who may pose a risk by exploitation may also be identified from Level 1

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meetings which will then be shared at the Level 2 meeting through discussions around locality intelligence and themes.

### **What happens once a person has been identified who may pose a risk by exploitation?**

Agency Single Point of Contacts (SPOC) within the Level 2 meeting are responsible for making a decision as to whether an individual poses a risk by exploitation. They may be assessed as either:

- a) An individual who may pose a risk by exploitation, however requires further local intelligence development, or
- b) an individual whereby there is considerable intelligence to indicate that they pose a risk by exploitation and should be assessed as such and flagged on Cumbria Police systems as a perpetrator of Child Exploitation.

### **How are persons who may pose a risk by exploitation managed?**

Those individuals within category a) will be added to the Level 2 Agenda and local intelligence development work undertaken by all partners to understand the nature of the risk (if any) posed. If that work indicates that they pose a risk by exploitation, then agency SPOCs in the meeting will make a decision as to whether they should be assessed as a perpetrator. Should further information indicate this not to be the case, it will be agreed in the meeting that they can be removed from the agenda.

For individuals in category b), agency SPOCs within the meeting will decide whether the individual poses a risk of exploitation and should be assessed by Cumbria Police and flagged on Police systems as a perpetrator of exploitation and added to the Level 2 agenda.

The Cumbria Police SPOC (of at least Inspector rank) within the meeting will be responsible for flagging that individual on Police systems and will work with the partnership to develop a multi-agency problem solving to coordinate the disruption activity around that individual. This may include holding additional tactical problem solving meetings outside of the Level 2 meeting as well as consideration of advising the individual that they are flagged. However, all updates and disruption activity will be fed back into the Level 2 meeting by the Cumbria Police SPOC plan owner to ensure that all partners have suitable oversight of the dynamic risk and disruption activity.

### **What happens when the risk has been reduced?**

Only once all partners in the Level 2 meeting are happy that an individual no longer poses an identifiable risk by exploitation, a decision will be made to remove that

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individual from the agenda and agree to remove the flags from Cumbria Police Systems. For more information on Level 1 and Level 2 click [here](#).