CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION WARNING SIGNS

S - Sexual health and behaviour - evidence of sexually transmitted infections, inappropriate sexualised behaviour or pregnancy.

A - Absent from school or repeatedly running away - evidence of truancy from school / periods of being missing from care or from home.

F - Familial abuse and/or problems at home - familial sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, as well as risk of forced marriage or honour-based violence; domestic violence; substance misuse; parental mental health concerns; parental criminality; experience of homelessness; living in a care home or temporary accommodation.

E - Emotional and physical condition - thoughts of, or attempted, suicide or self-harming; low self-esteem or self-confidence; problems relating to sexual orientation; learning difficulties or poor mental health; unexplained injuries or changes in physical appearance identify.

G - Gangs, older age groups and involvement in crime - involvement in crime; direct involvement with gang members or living in a gang-afflicted community; involvement with older individuals or lacking friends from the same age group; contact with other individuals who are sexually exploited.

U - Use of technology and sexual bullying - evidence of ‘sexting’, sexualised communication on-line or problematic use of the internet and social networking sites.

A - Alcohol and drug misuse - problematic substance misuse.

R - Receipt of unexplained gifts or money - unexplained finances, including phone credit, clothes and money.

D - Distrust of authority figures - resistance to communicating with parents, carers, teachers, social services, health, police and others.