

## Annex B – Peer on Peer Abuse Risk Assessment Considerations

The following considerations are designed as guidance to assist the risk assessment process, implement initial safeguarding measures and determine appropriate planned action.

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Is the child or young person at risk of harm?	
Is the child/young person in immediate danger?	
Does the report indicate a crime may have been committed e.g. rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault?	If <b>yes</b> : Statutory referral to the Police and Children's Social Care.
Does the report indicate the need to conduct an early help assessment e.g. gaining professional support not available in the setting such as addressing non-violent HSB?	If <b>yes</b> : DSL should conduct an Early Help Assessment.
Should the report be managed internally? (Where none of the above criteria are met).	If <b>yes</b> : DSL should conduct a risk assessment to determine planned action, support and sanctions.

### Further considerations to help determine the context of the incident & plan action.

Consideration	Yes	No	Details
Is this a direct report?			
Has the report been made by another person?			
Have you identified the alleged perpetrator(s)?			
Are there any other victims involved?			
Does the report impact on any other children/young people?			
Does the reported incident involve sexual abuse which has taken place within an intimate relationship?			

Should control measures be put in place to prevent/limit contact between victim(s) & perpetrator(s) whilst on site? (This should be automatically put in place in cases of alleged rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault)			
Are there any previous child protection concerns/known incidents involving the victim and/or their family?			
Are there any previous child protection concerns/known incidents involving the perpetrator(s) and/or their family?			
Are there any known extra-familial concerns related to the report e.g. contextual safeguarding issues such as sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, gang membership?			
Have there been any previous concerns/reports of peer on peer sexual abuse within the victim's peer group?			
<p>Are details of the report <b>already known</b> by others such as:</p> <p>Children &amp; young people/peer group?          If so are they aware of the importance of confidentiality?          Do they feel their safety/wellbeing is affected by the report?</p> <p>Staff?          In what context?          Have they been reminded about the importance of confidentiality?</p> <p>Parents/carers?          Have the measures school is taking to manage the incident been explained?          Has a discussion taken place on confidentiality and their conduct whilst the report is investigated?</p>			
Have steps been taken to minimise gossip, bullying or harassment of the victim?			
Is there a risk that the victim will be alienated from their peer support groups?			

Despite reporting, does the victim still feel physically threatened?			
Have steps been taken to minimise gossip, bullying or harassment of the alleged perpetrator(s)?			
Is there a risk that the perpetrator(s) will be alienated from their peer support groups?			
Have you identified if/when the victim and perpetrator(s) share lessons/classes?			
Does the incident involve the taking of and/ or sharing of sexual images/videos?  If so: Has any equipment been confiscated? E.g. mobile phones, tablets, laptops.			
Does the incident include inappropriate messages/images shared via social media?			
Does the incident involve online grooming?			