



CERAF

Child Exploitation Risk Assessment Framework

The CERAF is a child exploitation risk assessment tool. This updates and replaces the previously used SERAF risk assessment tool, with no change to the pronunciation.

A CERAF should be completed as soon as potential concerns regarding any form of child exploitation are identified.

Exploitation may include: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), County Lines (CL), Modern Day Slavery (MDS) or child trafficking concerns.

The evidence may follow a missing episode, or increasing occasions of a child being missing from school, staying out late, associating with new peers/associates where there may be some concerns or known intelligence risk.

The tool recognises that:

- Professional judgement is as equally important as the score.
- Supports professionals to be mindful that child exploitation does not exist as a standalone issue.
- Advocates the need to gather information from multiple sources.
- Guides professionals to include details on the frequency and extent of risk factors identified.
- Prompts professionals to provide relevant details for each vulnerability and risk factor identified.



The CERAF documents are available via the HIPS procedures site and hyperlinked below:

- Full CERAF risk assessment tool.
- [CERAF Guidance](#).
- CSERQ4 for Health Practitioners.



[www.https://hipsprocedures.org.uk/](https://hipsprocedures.org.uk/)

Virtual Training is scheduled for: Wed 9th & 23rd Sept 9.30-10.30am.

Learning Objectives include:

- Introduction of the newly developed HIPS CERAF
- Best practice guidance on completion of the CERAF.
- Guidance on scoring and actions to take upon completion.

Hampshire book via: <https://hampshirescp.event-booking.org.uk>

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