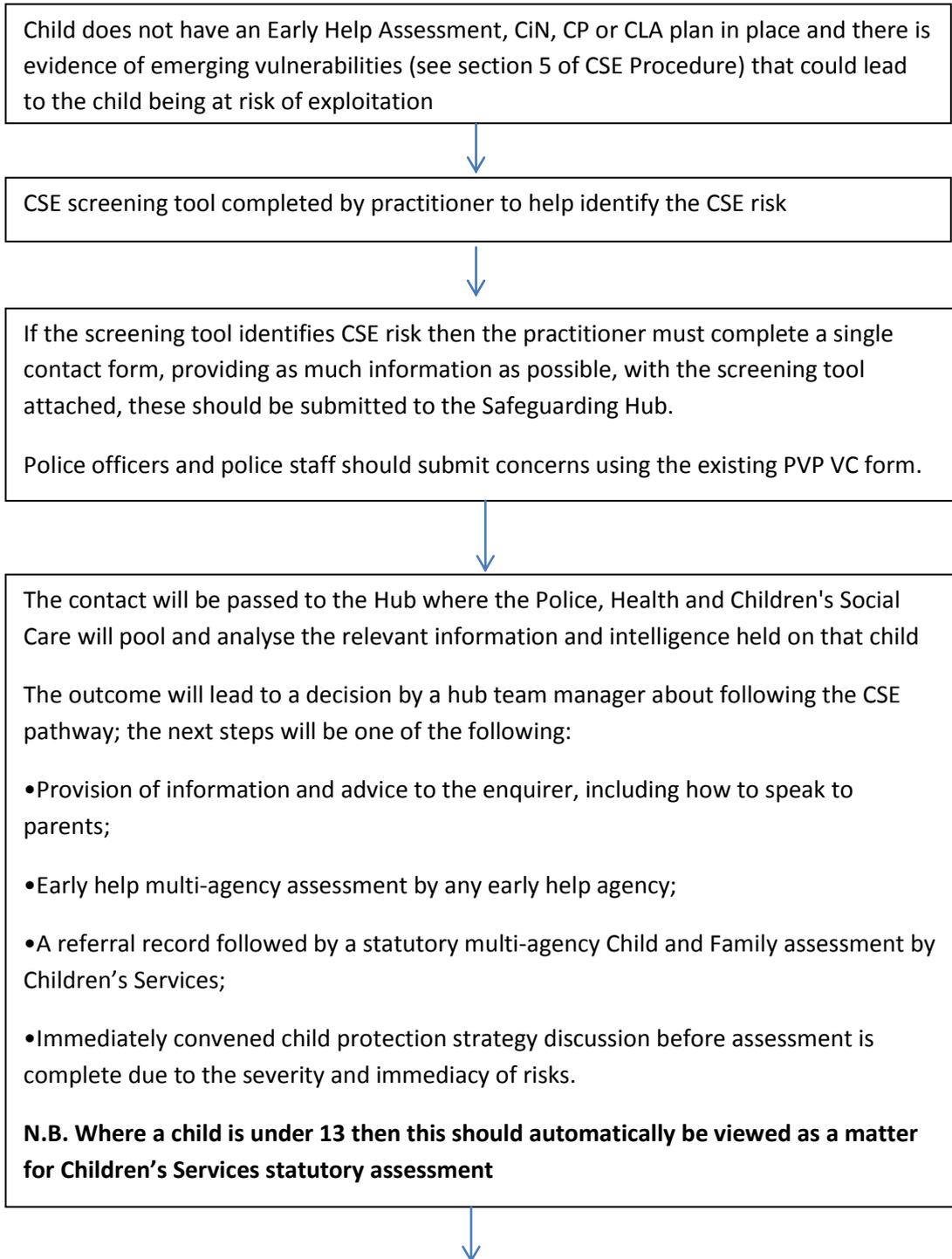


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If the Hub has identified Early Help as the next step then a lead professional will be identified. An Early Help Assessment should be initiated and registered with the Early Help Mailbox, early.help@cumbria.gov.uk. A Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting should be held where the Risk Assessment Tool must be completed, this **must include Police information**. The tool should be completed by adults first, then separately on a blank form with the child to gather information from the child and gain an understanding of concerns. This allows the child's voice to be taken into consideration. However the child will need adult guidance and views to be clear. The person with the most trusted relationship with that child should complete the CSE Assessment Tool with them.



Following the completion of the tool a plan must be put in place – this is to include protective actions. Remember - The presence of CSE as a factor of the Early Help Assessment should be registered with the Early Help Mailbox, early.help@cumbria.gov.uk. This allows the CSE Oversight Group to be aware of any instances, trends or clusters of CSE around the county.



The Early Help Lead Professional and the TAF should **review the CSE Risk Assessment Tool every three months or when there is some change in behaviours to cause concern**. The review of the tool should always be done on a multi-agency basis and **include information from the police**. The Early Help plan should be updated following completion of the RAT.



If the level of risk escalates, actions should be taken in line with Cumbria's Threshold Document to assess whether this can continue to be managed at Early Help or be referred into the Safeguarding Hub for statutory assessment and intervention. **Only Category 1 CSE risk can be managed at an Early Help Level.**

If evidence shows parents are unable to work within the framework of an early help plan then the evidence must be reviewed and parents consulted and informed about the need to step up to a referral to statutory children services



After the 3 month multi-agency risk assessment review, if there is no new evidence of CSE activity, and risks have reduced significantly, then the TAF can step down the CSE plan. The Lead Coordinator must contact the Early.help@cumbria.gov.uk mailbox to inform them the child is no longer category 1 and the case status must be amended on EHM.