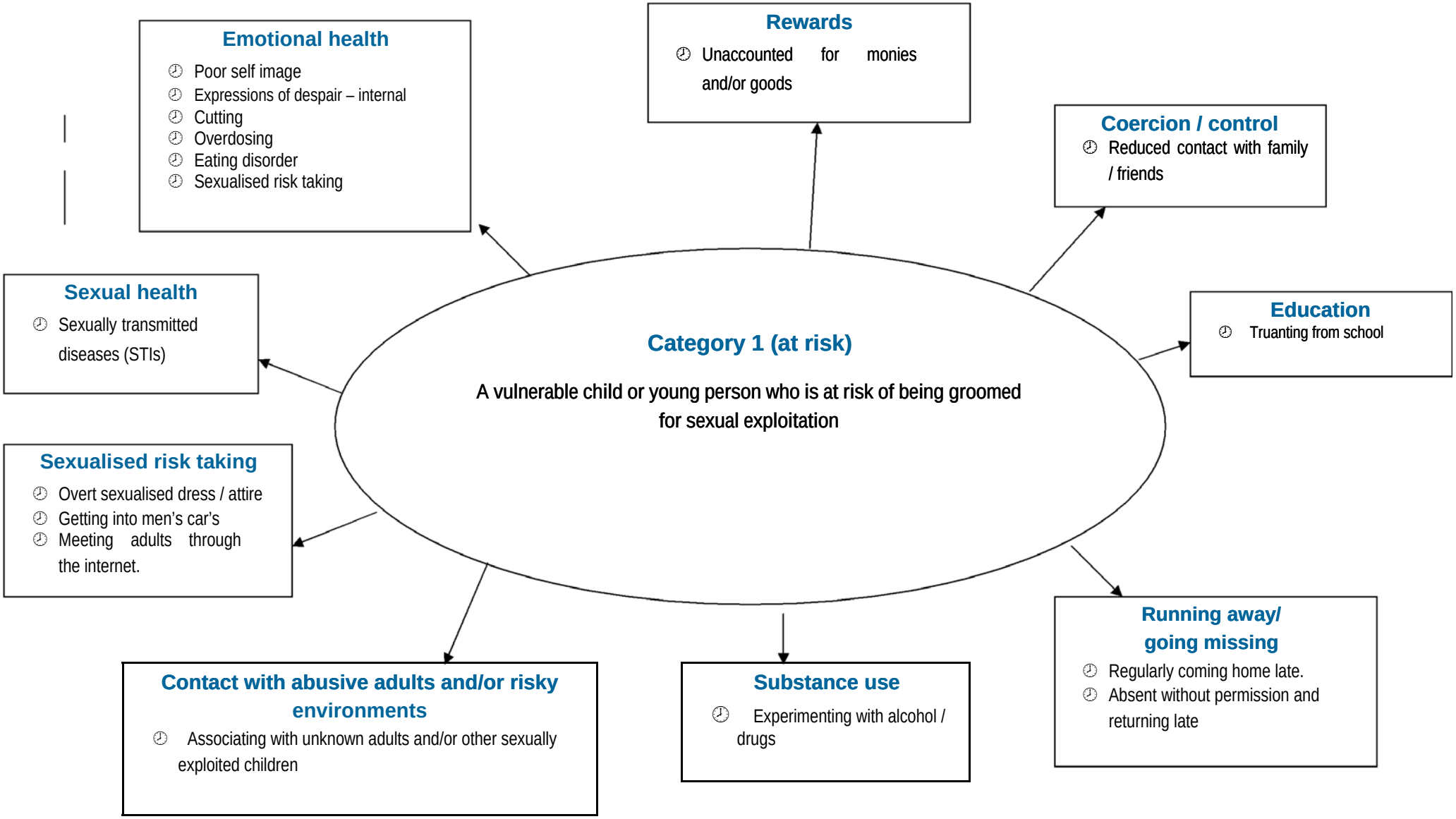
Appendix 2: Risk Assessment Framework



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Category 2 – Medium Risk

A child or young person who is targeted for opportunistic abuse through the exchange of sex for drugs, accommodation (over night stays) and goods etc. The likelihood of coercion and control is significant

Sexualised risk taking

- Getting into men's cars
- Meeting adults through the internet
- Clipping (offering to have sex and then running upon payment)
- Older boyfriend (5+ years)

Coercion / control

- Limited contact with family / friends.
- Disclosure of physical / sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation
- Physical injuries – external / internal

Education

- Non school attender
- Regular breakdown of school placements due to behavioural problems

Running away / going missing

- Frequently staying out overnight without permission.
- Episodes of running / going missing.
- Persistently running / going missing from placement.
- Looking well cared for despite having no known base.
- Regular breakdown of placements due to behavioural problems

Rewards

- Unaccounted monies and/or goods

Sexual health

- Multiple STIs
- Miscarriages
- Terminations

Emotional health

- Chronic low self esteem
- Expressions of despair: internal – self harm.
  - Cutting
  - Overdosing
  - Eating disorder
  - Sexualised risk taking
- External – intensive acting out
  - Bullying / threatening behaviour
  - Violent outbursts
  - Offending behaviour

Substance use

- Regular use of substances
- Concerns for drug dependency

Contact with abusive adults and/or risky environments

- Associating with unknown adults and/or other sexually exploited children/young people.
- Extensive use of phone particularly late at night
- Having access to premises not known to parent/carer.
- Reports from reliable sources, suggesting involvement in sexual exploitation.
- Seen in known red light districts

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Category 3 – High Risk

A child or young person whose sexual exploitation is habitual, often self denied and were coercion/control is implicit

Coercion / control

- Disclosure of physical/sexual assault followed by withdrawal of allegation.
- Abduction and forced imprisonment (described by young people as 'locked in').
- No contact with family/friends.
- Disappear from system (no contact with support systems)
- Physical injuries – external/internal

Running away / going missing

- Persistently running away/going missing from placement.
- Pattern of street homelessness

Education

- Non-school attender
- Regular breakdown of school placements due to behavioural problems

Sexual health

- Multiple STIs
- Miscarriages
- Terminations

Sexualised risk taking

- Older boyfriend (5+ years)
- Clipping (offering to have sex and then running upon payment)

Rewards

- Unaccounted for monies and/or goods

Contact with abusive adults and/or risky environments

- Picked up in red light district
- Having access to premises not known to parent/carer

Emotional health

- Chronic low self esteem
- Expressions of despair: Internal – self harm
  - Cutting
  - Overdosing
  - Eating disorder
  - Sexualised risk taking
- External – intensive acting out
  - Bullying/threatening behaviour
  - Violent outbursts
  - Offending Behaviour

Substance use

- Chronic drug dependency (particularly crack/ heroin)