**18 QUESTIONS USED BY THE SINGLE COMPETENT AUTHORITY - TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERVIEWING THE YOUNG PERSON**

1. Is the Potential Victim making any disclosures as to being exploited? If so what?
2. If the Potential Victim has not made any disclosures, have they had the opportunity to do so?
3. Please provide an update on the Potential Victim’s current situation.
4. Can you provide an overview of the Potential Victim’s background history?
5. Is there any information to show the Potential Victim was recruited into criminal activity, if so by whom and how/ grooming techniques used such as gifts etc.
6. Is there anything to suggest the Potential Victim was coerced into exploitation/specific event e.g. drug criminality, under duress, under threats of violence, are they frightened / ever returned injured.
7. Does / Did the Potential Victim have freedom of movement or were they transported by others (who), who pays / facilitates travel, and / or have they been subjected to physical confinement / harboured.
8. What are the consequences for the Potential Victim if they do not comply with their exploiters demands?
9. Are there any disclosures about gang members and who is forcing the Potential Victim into exploitation, is there anything that confirms they are being controlled / exploited by others?
10. Is there any evidence of the Potential Victims lack of consent and anything to confirm that the Potential Victim did not offer themselves voluntarily?
11. Are they conducting criminality against their will?
12. Is the Potential Victim vulnerable in anyway, if so, how?
13. Did the Potential Victim have access to phones / social media, and have they used these to ask for help?
14. Has the Potential Victim had opportunities to ask for help (including previous arrests / being able to return home or place of safety with adults to ask for help), have they taken offered opportunities to be safeguarded / leave area or leave the exploitative situation?
15. Is there anything known if the Potential Victim is financially benefitting from the exploitation.
16. Please provide contact details of the Criminal Prosecution ( CPS )officer dealing with the case, if you are aware if any hearing are scheduled and an update on any outstanding criminal matters
17. Name and contact details of the Potential Victim’s legal representatives
18. Is the Potential Victim assisting in an ongoing enquiry?  If they do not have fixed leave to remain in the UK, would you want them to remain to assist with your enquiries?