

## Fraser Competency: Checklist for young people under the age of 16 (to be used with the Sexually Active Young People Pathway)

**If there are concerns in relation to grooming, coercion or exploitation and immediate referral to the Police/Children's Services must be made.**

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| Has the young person been encouraged to tell their parent/legal guardian or trusted adult that they are sexually active?  | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Have you clearly recorded why the young person has explicitly requested that you do not inform their parent/legal guardian?   | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Does the young person understand that the only information which will be shared is that which is needed by other people to give them the support, care and protection that they require? Or that if a crime has been committed this information will be shared? (If information needs to be shared this will should be discussed with the young person, provided it does not put them at further risk). | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Have you checked that young person understands that the legal age of consent for sexual activity is 16 years?   | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Does the young person understand where and how to seek additional advice about sexual health?   | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Can the young person retain the information that is provided?   | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Does the young person have sufficient maturity to apply this advice?  | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| Can the young person communicate the decision to engage in sexual activity unambiguously?   | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| At the time of decision making, is it evident that additional factors are not undermining the young person's ability to consent e.g. substance misuse, alcohol misuse, mental health difficulties?  | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |
| If the behaviour is likely to continue, does it best serve the young person's safeguarding and welfare interests to provide advice and support within your own organisation, without further referrals being made?  | <b>YES</b> |
|   | <b>NO</b>  |

You need to be able to answer **YES** to all these questions before deciding that you believe the young person is competent to make their own decision without parental consent.

**If YES:**

**Young Person:**

**Worker:**

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| <b>Signed:</b> | <b>Signed:</b> |
| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>Name:</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Date:</b>   |