Sexting in schools
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Sexting – Response process for professionals
This flowchart (adapted from ‘Medway Local Authority Response Process for Professionals’) will help you to make a decision about the actions you need to take.

Child is 13 or under (or has a vulnerability)
- Refer to Social Services
  - Strategy discussion
  - Joint investigation
- Refer to Police

Child is between the ages of 14-17
- Sexts produced consensually
  - Images not distributed and no other risk factors identified
    - Carry out risk assessment
      - Low risk
      - Harm reduction (e.g. education, referral for sexual health screening) UNOCINI where appropriate
- Sexts produced consensually but contain very harmful material (e.g. drug use, extreme sexual acts)
  - Carry out risk assessment
    - Low risk
    - Higher risk or concerns re: exploitation or abuse
- Sexts produced and distributed without consent
  - Refer to Police and Social Services