

# Tower Hamlets Mapping Guidance

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This document includes information on intelligence gathering. And how to complete a National Referral Mechanism form.



# What is exploitation mapping and why do we use it?

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**One of the greatest tools to be used when making links between young people and sexual exploitation networks is known as “social network research” (mapping).**

- Mapping depicts a young person’s friendships
- Reveals the relationships patterns that exist between them and other young people and also provides information and intelligence about young people and their experiences
- Mapping can be completed in the form of a genogram and is useful when dealing with social interactions.
- It can assist in the visualisation of complex interactions between victims and perpetrators and helps evidence patterns of behaviours with perpetrators of sexual exploitation.
- It begins with one individual, and generally snowballs as relationships are traced.

