

Multi-Agency Adult/ Child Exploitation (MAACE) Agenda

Guidance notes

- **Information given at this meeting is confidential. Matters discussed here should only be disclosed to professional colleagues with a real need to know;**
- **This borough has an equal opportunities policy. It is important that everyone at the conference is treated with mutual respect giving due regard to race, religion, language, culture, gender, sexuality and disability. Discriminatory attitudes, opinions or language expressed at this meeting will be challenged;**
- **All participants will be invited to contribute any information they have. Information not presented openly at the meeting cannot be considered in assessing strengths, need and risk. It is important that it is clear from individual contributions what is fact and what is opinion.**

1. Introduction, status (initial/ review meeting) and reason for convening the meeting
2. Confirmation of who has been invited and apologies
3. Child/Young person/adult- what is working well, what are you worried about? During the meeting you should have every opportunity to state what you would like to see happen.
4. Family/ carers- what is working well, what are you worried about? During the meeting you should have every opportunity to say what you would you like to see happen
5. Initial meeting- Complete Contextual Safeguarding Framework with info from above plus professionals input
Review meeting- review progress against previously completed Contextual safeguarding framework & support & disruption plan and in a new document of the contextual safeguarding framework capture discussions from child/ young person/ adult, parents/ carers plus professionals identified progress and concerns; including any relevant feedback from SHEP.
6. Agree information and actions from the Contextual Safeguarding Framework to start outline of support & disruption plan (record proposed actions & timescales)
7. Discuss any opportunities for [disruption](#)/ criminal investigation and outline actions & timescales (this should include need to complete; FIB forms; NRM (status) and Police trigger plans).
7. Agreed if there is any information and desired actions from Contextual Safeguarding Framework & disruption/criminal investigation conversations to be taken to SHEP as either progress is not being made, or extra resources are needed
8. Ensure child/ young person/ adult & family have national helpline numbers/ information as well as local contact information.

9. Agree next steps:

a) If concerns of grooming for or being exploitation are not completely ruled out during this meeting, a date should be agreed to develop Support & disruption plan and a review date for the next MAACE

- for children only- If the following apply consideration will be given to the need for child protection:
 - *There is a concern that the exploitation is being facilitated by the child / young person's parent / carer;*
 - *There is a concern that the exploitation is being facilitated by the child / young person's parent **purposeful** failure or capacity to protect them.*

(If the case is already open to CP or LAC that process will aim to align the support & disruption plan with the existing CP/LAC processes the IRO/ Chair should be informed of the outcomes of the MAACE)

b) If it is agreed by all during this meeting that concerns of grooming for or being involved in exploitation have been completely ruled out for a sustained period, For Children- information and actions should be used to inform an early help assessment and plan, and a lead professional should be identified from the MAACE meeting for the case to step down and ensure all support is not withdrawn at once, a date for the Team Around The Family Meeting should be agreed.

Adults- existing agencies involved should continue to be vigilant and offer support where needed.