**Strategy Discussion Agenda Template**

**Opening Statement**

This is a strategy discussion which is being held under section 47 of the Children Act (1989) in relation to [NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF ALL CHILDREN BEING CONSIDERED].

And whose parents and/or significant carers are [NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND RELATIONSHIP OF ALL SIGNIFICANT ADULTS].

My name is [CHAIRS NAME], I am a [CHAIRS POSITION] working for Swindon Borough Council and I will chair this meeting in accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) Statutory Guidance.

Please can I ask for each of you to introduce yourself, to include your name, organisation, position and what, if any, your direct contact with the child is?

Please can I advise you that the information shared in this strategy discussion is confidential and should not be shared outside of this meeting without prior agreement with the Chair.

The purpose of this strategy discussion is because there has been concerns identified that there is reasonable cause to suspect a child/children are suffering or are likely to suffer, significant harm. The concerns are [CHAIR TO READ THRESHOLD FROM CONVENING FORM].

**The discussion should be used to:**

* Share available information
* Review the history of professional involvement
* Agree appropriate actions to ensure risks are reduced and children are kept safe and the timescale around actions
* Decide whether threshold for enquiries under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 to be undertaken is met

**FORMAT FOR CHAIRING A STRATEGY DISCUSSION**

* Chair to direct each agency to share information in regard to their involvement and knowledge of families/parents history. To identify the risks, strengths and potential protective factors
* Chair to summarise the Risks/Strengths/protective factors
* Professionals to consider any additional risks to children, including if there are concerns about individuals who also work with children.
* Safety planning actions
* Chair to ask professions of their threshold recommendation and reasons why they are making this recommendation
* Is there reasonable cause to suspect the child is suffering or is likely to suffer, significant harm and therefore meets threshold for Section 47 enquiries
* Chair to summarise their own threshold recommendation

**ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

* Make the decision whether S47 enquiry will be single agency or joint with Police. Timescale of 15 working days with a review on day 5 to consider threshold for initiating ICPC or early RCPC
* Timescale for Social Worker to visit child(ren) and be seen and spoken to alone within 24 hours, or clear rationale if timeframe is extended beyond this point, and how safety for this child is ensured
* Consider what immediate actions are required to safeguard the child(ren).
* To consider any implications for the safety of children in the wider community, including referring to the LADO under the Allegation Management procedure.
* Consider whether legal action/consultation is required.
* Will an ABE be completed?
* Does a child need a medical?

**STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS FOR CONCERNS ABOUT CHILD EXPLOITATION/MISSING CHILDREN**

* What disruption plans and action are the Police taking?
* Is a Child Abduction Notice being served?
* Consider Sexual Harm Prevention Order? Obtaining associates and known addresses that young person frequents.
* Exploitation Screening/referral to Opal to be considered.
* Contextual safeguarding– what actions need to be considered to safeguard this individual child (e.g. what actions is school taking to report child missing if missing during school).
* Consider referral to Multi Agency Risk Management Panel (MARP) if any evidence of high risk exploitation.