

**Children's Social Care  
Scheme of Delegations to Advance Practitioners.**

Advance practitioners provide an extra layer of support to frontline social workers/practitioners and greater capacity for team managers.

This document outlines delegated authority to enable advance practitioners to approve certain documents/decisions. This document should be read in conjunction with AP roles and responsibilities and Children's Social Care - Scheme of Delegations.

This section outlines the circumstances where advanced practitioners have delegated authority to approve certain decisions/documents or provide a quality assurance role. Please note:

- These arrangements do not replace the line management communication or authorisation structure; in all cases, it is assumed that managers and line managers will be consulted or notified as appropriate.
- It is recognised that whilst delegated authority may be provided that given AP's roles sitting across children's social care any delegated authority should be discussed and agreed between advanced practitioner and team manager. Responsibilities will need to be considered alongside the needs of the team/service and capacity of individual Advance Practitioner.

Service area	Role	Additional comments
MASH / TRIAGE	Approving of contacts	
All (excluding YJS)	Agreement of threshold for strategy meeting	
All (excluding YJS)	Chairing of strategy meetings	
RAZ/CSWT/CWD/YPT/YJS	Authorisation of C&F assessments (and YJS Asset plus)	

RAZ/CSWT/CWD/YPT	Authorisation of CIN Plans	
RAZ/CSWT/CWD/YPT/YJS	Case allocation of CIN cases, Care Leavers or YJS cases	Following discussion & agreement with team manager
RAZ/CSWT/CWD/YPT	Authorisation of CIN meetings and Pathway Plans	
Kinship & permanency	Authorise Viability assessments	
Kinship & permanency	Quality assure and authorise SGO support plans	
All	Quality assure court reports and documents	Overall responsibility remains with team manager
All	Allocate tasks to students & NQSWs	
All	Undertake case audits	
All	Supervision	APs to provide supervision to PA's allocated to them in the YPT's.