

LBC PANELS

THE MISSING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PANEL (MCYPP)
Multi agency forum for a problem solving approach to specific case of children/YP who go missing.

The aims are to:

- Shares best practice
- Identifies trends
- Escalates cases where single agency response is not enough.

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CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION GROUP (CSEG)
CSEG is a Multi-Agency meeting which has the safety of local, high risk victims of sexual exploitation as its focus. It involves the participation of key statutory and voluntary sector agencies involved in supporting children and young people who are or might be victims of sexual exploitation.

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MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (MAPPA)
The purpose of MAPPA is to assess and manage the risks posed by sexual, violent and other dangerous offenders in the community.

MAPPA is not in itself a statutory body and does not replace individual agency responsibilities. It provides a framework through which information can be shared and Multi-Agency activity can be effectively co-ordinated with the aim of improving public protection.

MAPPA only actively manages those cases that are assessed as posing a high risk of harm where the harm is essentially life threatening or severe enough for it to be unlikely that the victim will recover and where the harm caused is going to be imminent.

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MULTI-AGENCY GANG PANEL (MAGPan)
The focus of the MAGPan is:

- To co-ordinate intervention and support activity in relation to identified individuals and where appropriate - their families.
- To ensure appropriate action is being taken to safeguard individuals, their families and members of the public.

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Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
A MARAC is a Multi-Agency meeting which has the safety of local, high risk victims of domestic abuse as its focus.

The stated aims and objectives of the MARAC process are to:

- Share relevant information to increase the safety, health and well being of victims, adults and their children;
- Make links with other public protection arrangements in relation to children, perpetrators and vulnerable adults.
- Determine whether the perpetrator poses a significant risk to any particular individual or to the general community;
- Construct jointly and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm;
- Reduce repeat victimisation;
- Improve agency accountability; and
- Improve support for and the safety of staff involved in high risk domestic abuse cases.

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CHANNEL Panel
The aim of Channel is to safeguard individuals who might be vulnerable to being radicalised, so that they are not at risk of being drawn into terrorist-related activity.

There is no single way of identifying who is likely to be vulnerable in this way. Factors may include: peer pressure, influence from other people or the internet, bullying, crime and anti-social behaviour, family tensions, race/hate crime, lack of self esteem or identity and personal or political grievances.

The CHANNEL panel reports to the PREVENT Board.

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Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)
The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) is a sub-group of the 3 Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) of Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough and Luton. It has had a statutory function since April 2008.

The panel meets 6 weekly to review all child deaths (0?18) and share lessons learnt to prevent future deaths.

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LUTON EARLY HELP TEAM ALLOCATION MEETINGS
The Early Help Allocation meeting will:

- Consider the known history and complexity of issues the family are experiencing when determining a lead worker/service for families;
- Discuss & determine appropriate level of need for family, i.e. Level 2 needs will result in allocation to a Early Help Coordinator to coordinate the Team around the family (TAF) process or Level 3 needs will result in allocation to a Family Support Worker.
- Identify one worker or service that will stand alongside the family dedicated to change;
- Consider all known risks and identify any safeguarding concerns involving children, young people or vulnerable adults, for immediate referral to statutory services.

SECURE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PANEL
The Purpose of a Secure Accommodation Review is to consider the following:

- Whether the criteria for keeping a child is secure accommodation continue to apply, on the day of the review
- Whether such a placement continues to be necessary and
- Whether or not any other form of accommodation would be appropriate

CARE CASE UPDATE MEETING
The Purpose of the care case update meeting is to review the progress of care cases and PLO cases. We also review section 20 cases. The meeting is not a decision making forum. It is used to review care cases and identify any bottlenecks where delays may be occurring and see what can be done to address them.

CARE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE PANEL
The Panel has a management overview and quality assurance function, in that the panel decides on the appropriate access to particular services and resources.

The Panel is the final decision maker regarding instigating PLO / Care Proceedings, whether a child should be Accommodated, whether an Expert Assessment can be commissioned.

All requests for Reg 24 placements need to come to Panel.

Permission of out of borough placements, review of this provision and spending decisions i.e. tri-partite funding.

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PERMANENCY PANEL
To identify children who have a parallel plan for permanency and to track progress of their permanency plan to prevent drift and delay in achieving this.

Details of Responsibilities:

- To reduce drift and delay for looked after children with a parallel plan for permanency and ensure permanency plan is in place before child's second LAC Review (i.e. 6 months in care)
- To ensure assessments are completed to inform permanency decision making
- To promote early identification of potential matches between children and permanent carers
- To reduce length of time between children entering care and being placed with their permanent families
- Pre-Birth cases being tracked if the child is going to be removed at birth and make appropriate plans.

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CONTACT PANEL

- Agree initial and review current contact arrangements for all Children/ Young People ensuring it is in the child's best interest.
- Advisory role to support care planning and pathway planning.
- Monitoring budgets.
- Quality assure contact arrangements.
- To be more creative around contacts, considering levels of supervision and purpose of contacts.

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FOSTERING PANEL
Recommendations of Suitability to Foster, review Foster Carers and matching for long term fostered children

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ADOPTION PANEL
Recommendations of Suitability to Adopt and of Matching for potential adoptive placement.

The Panel makes recommendations as to the following:

- The suitability of prospective adoptive applicants to adopt;
- Whether a child should be placed for adoption;
- Whether a child should be placed for adoption with particular prospective adopters.

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