

VERSION CONTROL

Title	MAPPING MEETING PROTOCOL CSE
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Mapping Meeting Protocol

A mapping meeting can be convened:

- As an outcome of a Strategy Discussion (Working Together to Safeguard Children) for an individual child, this must be held within 5 working days following the strategy discussion.
- As an outcome of a Section 47 enquiry for an individual child, this must be held within 5 working days following the strategy discussion.
- As an outcome of an Exploitation Triage or Panel meeting where a location, activity or person who may pose a risk has been identified linked to several children.
- As an outcome of a Single Assessment where the threshold for a Strategy Discussion is not met, but there are concerns about the child's links to a location or persons who may pose a risk.

Young people can encounter both risks and safety within their peer networks and social circles, as well as in locations and through activities outside of their home.

There must always be a Strategy Discussion if there is a concern that a child is at risk of significant harm.

Benefits of network mapping

- Provides a detailed picture of the roles and relationships between individuals, including the amount of influence and control individuals have within a network.
- Gives an understanding of the nature, scale and seriousness of the vulnerabilities posed by/to identified peer groups, individuals and locations.
- Supports the identification of effective safeguarding interventions and other suitable multi-agency opportunities (e.g. disruption, environmental change).
- Focuses awareness on information gaps, and how to inform these by information gathering.
- Provides a foundation for the ongoing management of the risks for any peer group/location/activity within a multi-agency partnership context.

In advance of the meeting

Practitioners attending a mapping meeting need to identify and understand the nature and extent of the networks known to themselves as a professional and/or to their agency, including known risks and safety factors.

This must be completed by each agency/professional prior to the meeting in order for there to be effective multi-agency information-sharing during the meeting.

All mapping information must be sent in advance to the person arranging the meeting.

To be included in the invite:

Prior to the meeting, please provide any relevant information you have on the following individuals:

Social worker convening the meeting to add names and DOBs here

- **Please use this checklist to help you identify the right mapping information for the meeting:**
 - Identify any known vulnerability, concern or risk your agency is aware of for each child - historical and current.
 - Identify any persons your agency is aware of that are linked to the issue/peer group/location of concern.
 - Are there any environmental contexts (e.g. school/neighbourhood locations) highlighted by the information?
 - Do you know of any key contacts in relation to these young people and contexts? (eg. practitioners, youth workers, school safeguarding leads, police officers, housing wardens)
 - Are there any contexts/young people identified who are already subject to contextual safeguarding/peer mapping that you are aware of?
 - Are there any key questions in relation to each young person/context/vulnerability as to how they relate to the network being mapped that you want to raise at the meeting?

During the meeting

Based on the mapping information submitted in advance, and any new information shared at the meeting, there will be a multi-agency mapping exercise.

This will help us to share relevant information and understand the network and connections between children and young people, and identify risks relating to adults of concern, locations and/or themes.

It will also assist in identifying where children or young people do not have a strong connection or where the risk is not as it was suspected to be.

This will then lead to identification of who we are concerned about, why, about what, and where - and will enable an effective multi-agency Risk Management Plan to be put in place if required.

Mapping Meeting Flowchart

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In advance of the meeting:

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Attendees must provide information on individuals listed in the invite, and send to the person arranging the meeting in advance.



During the meeting:

Based on the mapping information submitted in advance, and any new information shared at the meeting, there will be a multi-agency mapping discussion.



After the meeting:

Attendees will be asked to provide updates on any actions allocated to them at the meeting.

Mapping Meeting Proforma

Introductions and Confidentiality Agreement:

There is an expectation that Mapping Meeting attendees, as representatives of their agency, will attend prepared to share information about children, young people and their families in order to work together to protect children and to identify and disrupt perpetrators of Child Exploitation. All information discussed, and documents shared at the meeting are strictly confidential and matters discussed should only be disclosed to professional colleagues on a strictly need to know basis in line with existing arrangements for safeguarding children consistent with the Children Act 2004 and Working Together 2018.

All partner agencies contributing are required to ensure that their own procedures for information sharing and confidentiality support the ethos of Working Together 2018 and Shropshire Safeguarding Board's commitment to that.

All Agencies in attendance are responsible for securely filing documentation received.

Discussions around associates:

Details of each child/young person listed in the invite: *Name, DOB, summary of any known vulnerability, concern or risk to the young person (historical and current based on the information gathered as part of the mapping exercise) network and connections, children who have stronger links with one another, any identified risky adults (any disruptions needed ie. CAWNs) locations and/or themes.*

Actions agreed:

Name of child	Action	Person Responsible