

Children subject to a CP Plan who leave the country either temporarily or on a permanent basis

There are times when children who are subject to a CP Plan go on holiday or move to another country on a permanent basis.

This process is designed to ensure that plans are put in place to make sure that if this happens the children are properly safeguarded.

As soon as a worker becomes aware that this is a possibility, the allocated social worker needs to be advised straight away to initiate the following process.

- The details of the proposed destination, who else is going, when they are going, the address they are moving to with telephone numbers and who they are going to stay with need to be obtained.
- The social worker needs to undertake a risk assessment to include any known and possible risks.
- A Core Group needs to be convened straight away to consult with and to come to a considered view of risk.
- If the risk is considered to be high and that they may be at risk of significant harm when away, and/or that they may not return, or there is uncertainty about the destination a strategy needs to be convened within 24 hours of the risk being identified.
- The strategy should always consider if immediate or urgent police action is required or legal action such as an EPO should be sought to prevent the child leaving the country or retrieve the child if left already.
- These strategies need to be convened by the Service Manager.
- Because a child is subject to a CP Plan it does not preclude an outcome of a Sec 47 Enquiry.
- If no significant risk is identified, Safeguarding and Standards Business Support SaSteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk need to be advised so they can alert the other country that they are subject to a CP Plan.
- The CP Chair can then De Plan the child and record the rationale and decision on Mosaic clearly.
- If the child has already left the country and their whereabouts are known the same applies as above.
- If the child's whereabouts are not known every effort must be made to ascertain their whereabouts and after absolutely all efforts to trace the child has been exhausted, the Head of Locality will make the decision to De Plan and record this decision on Mosaic.
- The CP Chair will then de Plan the child and notify all professionals involved.
- The CP Chair will notify Safeguarding and Standards who will send out a warning to all OLAs that the child is missing and subject to a CP Plan.
- Safeguarding and Standards will also place an alert on Mosaic detailing that the child is missing.