

## **RISK-MANAGEMENT PATHWAY FOR HIGH RISK, HARDER TO REACH YOUNG PEOPLE**

Child/YP is identified with **high risk, complex needs** within agencies' case management frameworks e.g. looked after, subject to Public Law Outline/Care Order, Care Programme Approach, safeguarding procedures – including children as perpetrators of abuse, criminal sanctions, alternative educational provision, serious substance misuse/self harming behaviour

Multi agency professional meeting identifies significant unmet need in current care provision contributing to significant risk of harm and to development, compounded by a lack of engagement by the young person and/or family

Case discussed with senior manager (within **any** concerned service) re nomination for discussion at Area Risk Management Meeting. NB. Proceeds only with multi agency senior manager approval

Senior Manager refers case to Chair of Area Risk Management Group  
Chair decides on whether case meets threshold for Area Risk Management Meeting

Case synopsis completed by relevant professionals from involved agencies (see template) **signed off** by senior managers and sent to Chair of Area Risk Management Group

Chair notifies core members of Area Risk Management Meeting date and identifies additional senior managers/specialist advisors from other relevant services to attend (from both children and adult services). Case synopsis sent in advance of meeting to all members of the meeting

Monthly Area Risk Management Meeting held - Case synopsis presented by senior managers from involved agencies. Key actions arising from the meeting are:

1. A single Multi agency risk management plan – including contingency arrangements
2. Decision made about placing young person's name on flagging system to alert selected agencies to the additional risks for this young person
3. In-principle agreements about contributions of resources/shared funding
4. Reporting and review requirements, including timescales

Minutes and plans recorded, signed off by Chair and circulated to members of meeting, frontline staff and Child, YP and family

Area Management representative **attends** and brings forward the minutes to relevant operational meeting e.g. Core Group or other multi-agency professionals meeting

- A single risk management plan adopted by all agencies involved with child
- Revised Care Plan including recommendations made at area risk-management meeting
  - Contingency plans to deal with unexpected or short-term crisis, increased risks
    - Monitoring arrangements
    - Arrangements for case management review
    - Arrangements for area risk-management review.