



**Post 16+ Contextual Safeguarding  
Transitions Protocol – One Minute Guide**

***A multi-agency solution to monitor, engage and support young people at risk of/or involved in exploitation with no care and support needs as they transition into adulthood.***

**What is it?**

This document sets out multi-agency arrangements made by Slough Safeguarding Partnership to safeguard young people post 16 years of age who are at risk of all forms of exploitation and are reaching the age of maturity. The document facilitates partnership working by relevant partners to support a seamless transition from Slough Children First (SCF), Early help or social care to partners working with adults and particularly targets young adults who do not meet the criteria for adult social care intervention.

This cohort of young people reaching adulthood are particularly vulnerable to a range of complex issues. Once they reach 18 years of age, the legislative framework for children no longer applies to them and this presents risks which the current child protection system is not equipped to respond to.

**What type of complex issues?**

All contextual safeguarding concerns should be covered within this meeting including those vulnerable to cuckooing, sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, modern day slavery, physical or sexual abuse, peer on peer abuse, domestic violence, increased substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

### **Why do we need these meetings?**

The aim of the meeting is to ensure there is a clearer understanding amongst professionals around the vulnerabilities that are faced by young people approaching adulthood who are at risk of/involved in exploitation, post 16 years of age and remove misconceptions that young people have the capacity and resources to keep themselves safe from harm.

Moving towards a contextual safeguarding approach, which recognises and responds to the risks that young people experience in a range of social contexts outside of the home, is key to keeping young people safe. This will result in children being criminalised less and instead receive the recognition and support, they need as victims. The Protocol will focus on addressing any gaps identified where young people post 16 years of age are deemed as vulnerable to concerns such as any form of exploitation including cuckooing, county lines, gang activity, missing and trafficked individuals.

In its simplest form transition can be seen as:

- A process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another
- To transpire to move across
- Preparation for adulthood

### **What makes a young person eligible to be referred?**

- Young person must be 16 and over
- At risk of experiencing exploitation
- Subject to discussions at the MACE Panel
- At risk of homelessness/loss of placement
- Considered as not ready for independent housing
- Considered as potentially having fluctuating or no mental capacity
- Vulnerable/risk of harm to self or others
- Lack of independent living skills
- Minimal to no engagement with support and advice
- Subject to multiple disadvantages

### **Who should attend these meetings?**

The Chair will be the young person's Social Worker/Practitioner and the meeting should consist of the following:

- 1 representative from EYJS Team

- 1 representative from Housing
- 1 representative from CAMHS/CCG/CMHG
- 1 representative from Education services
- 1 representative from Targeted Youth Services
- 1 Parent/Guardian/Carer
- 1 representative from ASC
- 1 representative from TVP
- 1 Business Support Officer
- Voluntary agencies

### **What will this meeting do?**

The meeting will allow for early intervention through forward thinking and risk management planning. The meeting will also ensure measures are put in place to monitor each young person and signpost where necessary.

A multi-agency risk tool (MART) has been developed taking into consideration the contextual risks that may be experienced by young people. This aim of the tool is to support practitioners to manage and monitor young people transitioning into adulthood who do not have any care or support needs.

Partners will meet when necessary to discuss any cases referred by Slough Children First (SCF) and will require agencies to work together to offer advice, support and planning for each young person post 16 years of age. The MART may be reviewed periodically where there may be an increase in concerns.

**CE Multi-agency Risk Management Framework – Risk Tool.**  
*To be completed at the multi-agency meeting*

<b>Name of adult considered at risk:</b>	<b>D.O.B.</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Significant others living with or involved with the above</b>

<b>Name of initiating Agency</b>	<b>Named professional including contact details</b>
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**Other agencies required to contribute to this assessment**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Nominated professional</b>	<b>Contact details</b>

**Consideration of Risk**

<b>Brief explanation of risk(s) (include context and consideration of capacity around the specific risk)</b> <i>What are we worried about?</i>	<b>How will we know when things are safe enough?</b>

**Involvement of Individual considered in this plan**

<b>Has the risk process been discussed with the individual?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<b>If yes - What are their views?</b>	
<b>If No - Please explain why the person was not consulted</b>	

**Appendix 2**

**Record of Initial CE Multi Agency Risk Management Meeting held including plans for risk reduction**

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Specific Risk As identified above</b>	<b>What is in place</b>	<b>Discussion in the meeting</b>	<b>Actions including person responsible</b>

**Record of subsequent Multi Agency Meeting(s) held including plans for risk reduction**

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Specific Risk As identified above and/or New Risk identified</b>	<b>What is in place</b>	<b>Discussion in the meeting</b>	<b>Actions including person responsible</b>

*This page can be replicated for all subsequent meetings*