

Multi-Agency Professionals' Case Meeting

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership has developed this process, which draws on systems methodology, and should be used by any multi-agency team working with a family to support reflection and promoting successful outcome of the Child Protection, Child In Need or Early Help Plans.

The meeting has the specific purpose of:

- a. Reviewing how the professional partnership of the multi-agency team is working to achieve the outcomes of the Child Protection Plan/ Child In Need Plan/ Early Help Plan;
- b. Identifying, and reflecting upon possible solutions to, any key issues and barriers to the promoting successful outcomes of the Plan. This might include:
 - How the professional network works together to progress the plan;
 - Understanding how the engagement of parents (and other carers if applicable) in the Plan is impacting on the outcomes and aims of the Plan being achieved;
 - Reflecting on how the multi-agency group is identifying, and understanding, change that is required to ensure a successful discontinuing of the Plan;
 - Appraisal and reflection on the suitability of the outcomes of the Plan, including timeliness for the child of any required changes.

This Multi-Agency Professionals' Case Meeting is a model that can be used by any multi-agency group working with a child and their family, and at any time during the multi-agency plan.

The meeting can be facilitated and recorded by any member of the multi-agency group.

At the conclusion of the meeting the [Summary Document](#) is to be completed. This document should be held on the child's social work/ lead professionals file and distributed to all those who attended the Multi-Agency Professionals' Case Meeting. The document should address:

- a. Learning;
- b. Any Actions
- c. What needs to happen if changes are required to the Plan.

Given the Multi-Agency Professionals' Case Meeting does not include parents, the child or young person, and other family members each meeting should be mindful that:

Multi-Agency Professionals' Case Meetings do not replace core group, child in need/ Early help team around the family meetings. If changes are required to the outcomes of, and activity within, the Plan a Core/ Child-In Need/ Team around the family Meeting will need to be convened with the family involved, or the Review Child Protection Conference brought forward to agree the alteration of the Child Protection Plan - A timescale for this new meeting is to be agreed.

If there is a difference of opinion or unresolved dispute, then a manager of a group member can chair this meeting in the position of a supervisor, as per the [dispute resolution/ escalation procedure](#).