



In Brief - Information on multi-agency forums and safeguarding meetings/arrangements

Islands Safeguarding Children Partnership (ISCP) – information note

This note is intended to provide a brief explanation of the various multi-agency forums, safeguarding meetings and arrangements that are encountered by those working directly with children, adults and families. Some of them are known by acronyms or abbreviations that sound similar, although each has its own area of focus and fundamental purpose.

MASH – Multi-Agency Support Hub

The MASH is the single point of enquiry for children in need of additional support. It is a multi-agency team that meets on a daily basis to consider enquiries for children who might be in need of support through a coordinated multi-agency plan, social work assessment or a child protection plan. – Contact: 01481 723182.

MARAC – Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

The MARAC is a risk assessment and safety planning forum for people who are at risk of serious harm through domestic abuse. The subjects of MARACs are usually women who are at risk from partners/husbands, although children are sometimes in need of protection from abusive domestic relationships, or can also be involved as perpetrators of domestic abuse. – Contact 01481 719419.

MAPPA – Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements

MAPPAs are intended to manage the risk of serious violence or sexual harm presented by certain individuals. Referrals are usually made through the criminal justice agencies – Police, Probation or Prison. The arrangements identify the level of risk presented by the individual, decide on a lead agency and agree a risk management plan between the relevant agencies. MAPPA subjects are registered as such, regularly reviewed and de-registered when appropriate. – Contact: 01481 719421.

Strategy discussion – ‘Strat.’

Strategy discussions are held when a child is thought to have suffered, or is likely to suffer, serious harm. The purpose of the strategy discussion is to plan for the immediate protection of the child and to decide whether to conduct a single or joint child protection investigation (HSC and Police).

Child Protection Conference – CPC

Child protection conferences are convened to share information and plan for children who have suffered, or are likely to suffer serious harm. The conference decides if the child subjects are in need of a multi-agency child protection plan, agree what will go in the plan and who will form the ‘core group’ of professionals and family members to help implement and monitor the plan. – Contact: 01481 256923.

TAC – Team Around the Child

A Team Around the Child (TAC) is for children and families who might need a little extra support from professionals in order to achieve expected standards of health, education, development or welfare. This is for cases where a MASH assessment has identified a low level of concern. The TAC is a group of people, including the child, family members and professionals, who will work together to support the child and family. – Contact: 01481 723182.

CYCT – Child Youth and Community Tribunal

The CYCT is an independent tribunal made up of volunteers from the local community. Cases before the CYCT are heard by three tribunal members, one of whom acts as the Chair. Parents/carers, children and relevant professionals also attend. The CYCT makes decisions about the need for compulsory intervention for children and young people who may be at risk of harm, involved in offending behaviour or not attending school. The Children’s Convenor acts as gatekeeper to the CYCT. – Contact 01481 213290.

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