**Adolescent Safety Framework – Flowchart**

Action taken when concerns exist outside the family home in relation to some or all of the following; an individual young person; peer groups; locations of concerns; persons of concern

**Safer Me Assessment**

Completed by a professional

Provides guidance to the identification of risks and protective factors to create a whole picture.

Informs the pathway/s or action/s required.

Share concerns with allocated Social Worker and agree who will update Safer Me Assessment, plan action to improve safety through Safer Me meeting and refer to the Operational MACE if appropriate

Peer group context conference

Convened by Quality Assurance & Safeguarding Service within 15 w/days

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Neighbourhood context conference

Convened by community connections within 15 w/days

Missing and Child Exploitation Operational Group (MACE)

School/college context conference

Convened by Head Teacher/DSL within 15 w/days

Mapping meeting

Convened within 10 w/days by Adolescent Safety Hub Co-ordinator

Provide help to child and family from universal services.

Follow flow chart 2 from Working Together. Safer Me PLUS as alternative for ICPC

Follow flow chart 3 from Working Together. Safer Me meeting as alternative for CIN

Safer Me PLUS as alternative for ICPC

**Context weighting**

No further role for Children’s Social Work. Other action may be necessary, e.g. onward referrals, Early Help Assessment and services

Missing and Child Exploitation Operational Group (MACE)

**Adolescent Safety Hub**

Hub acknowledges receipt of enquiry and decides on right level of support and/or action within one working day. Hub notifies MACE

Consider Early Help assessment, interventions and Safer Me meeting and refer to MACE if appropriate.

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**Peer group or location of concern**

Evidence that a context (peer group, school or neighbourhood location) is adversely impacting the safety of people and increasing their vulnerability to extra-familial risk.

**Person or people of concern**

Evidence that a person or people have an intention to or are grooming, or abusing a child or a number of children.

**Individual**

**High risk**

(11-18 yrs or care leavers)

Evidence of vulnerability to risks from outside the family home and significant concerns about presentations or behaviours that suggest the young person may be exploited at any point.

The child’s presentation, associations or changes in presentation suggest they are at risk of suffering significant harm.

Needs are complex and require multi-agency child protection plan.

**Individual**

**Low risk**

(11-18 yrs or care leavers)

Evidence of vulnerability to risks from outside the family home and/or some concerns about behaviours or associations identified that indicate slightly increased extra-familial risks.

The child’s presentation, associations suggest they are not currently being exploited by extra support may be needed. Needs can be addressed by a single agency to prevent escalation of risk.

**Individual**

**Medium risk**

(11-18 yrs or care leavers)

Evidence of vulnerability to risks from outside the family home and/or concerns about presentation or associations that could develop into exploitative situations without a change in circumstance.

The child’s presentation, associations or changes in presentation suggest they need support and advice to ensure their safety, health and development

Needs a multi-agency response to address concerns and risks.