

Multi-agency arrangements for Children at risk of exploitation and children missing from home or care in Derbyshire during the COVID-19 outbreak

During the COVID-19 crisis the management of medium and high risk CRE cases are now taking place via full virtual arrangements, including the use of video conferencing facilities such as Skype or through telephone discussions where required. All partner agencies are able to access the risk assessment toolkit should they need to via the Derby and Derbyshire multi-agency safeguarding children procedures [document library](#), assessment tools section; the operation liberty form can be found in the report forms and templates section.

Derbyshire County Council staff continue to have full access to the risk assessment toolkit via the mosaic recording system as per the usual arrangements.

Social workers and partners should continue to complete the CRE risk assessment toolkit if they have concerns in respect of child exploitation and follow the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's policies and procedures. In cases where strategy discussions are required, the notes and plans arising from the virtual meeting/discussion will be distributed to those who have contributed.

The high risk CRE cohort is overseen on a regular basis by the child protection manager for vulnerable children and details of the children identified to be at high risk are reported to key senior officers of the partnership on a weekly basis to ensure a joined up response to information sharing and risk management.

In addition to this weekly information, the pen profiles of the high risk cohort are sent to key senior officers of the partnership and heads of service in social care localities. Children at risk of exploitation and missing panels continue to be held in localities on a monthly basis and these meetings will take place via virtual arrangements.

Derbyshire Police continue to report the children who go missing from home or care into children's services as per the usual arrangements and the management oversight of this work ensures that responses to children are timely. Missing/Return interviews continue to be undertaken by social care and these are taking place via telephone calls, skype calls and some home visiting as required.