

# Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership

# One Minute Guide

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## Multi Agency Liaison Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together key statutory partners to support solid working relationships between services and ensuring good and outstanding practice across the partnership when protecting our children.

### The key objectives of the meeting are...

- Improving multi agency contributions and partnership working across children in need of protection
- Developing good practice in multi-agency child protection investigations
- Promoting escalation and resolution
- To understand all agencies biggest challenges (high risk cases, most frequent missing from home children, etc)
- Providing Service updates and any service changes which could impact on practice

### This is achieved by...

- Regular audits of multi agency strategy meetings
- Review of multi agency escalations and collating themes
- Themed audits completed by joint agencies
- Sharing data

The aim of this guide is to provide clarification as to the purpose of the meeting and the pathways to be followed regarding escalation. As indicated in the flowchart below, the Multi Agency Liaison Meeting holds the escalation tracker. The meeting and the tracker do not replace the Escalation Policy. The Escalation Policy should still be followed in the event that an agency wants to raise a formal escalation with another agency.

The below flowchart provides the detail of what is required for a case to be added to the escalation tracker. The work around the escalation should be completed outside of the Multi Agency Liaison meeting to enable the learning and reflection to take place within the meeting. Themes and areas of concern will be captured in a bi monthly report which will be presented to Senior Managers via the Learning and Improvement meeting.

In all cases, the Escalation Policy needs to be followed. [LINK TO ESCALATION POLICY](#)

The purpose of the tracker is to capture escalations and examples of multi-agency working. The details of the escalations will be shared and reflected upon during the Multi Agency Liaison Meeting.



Where an escalation is identified, please email the CESCIP inbox (EMAIL ADDRESS) with the following details:

- Name and DOB of the child
- Name of the worker and service escalating the concern and the date of escalation
- Overview of the concern being escalated.
- Details of the resolution
- Date resolved.
- Learning points identified / any action to be taken and by who.



It is accepted that not all of the above information may be available at the point of escalation. You will receive an email in advance of the meeting for you to provide an update as to progress made regarding the escalation in order for this to be shared in the meeting.