



Workforce Brief No.10

Child Protection Planning Meetings

Audience

- Professionals with lead responsibilities for child protection
- Practitioners required to contribute towards child protection processes
- Senior managers across all agencies

Moray's Support and Protection of Children and Young People Procedure details the approach to decision making at Child Protection Planning Meetings (CPPMs).

On behalf of Jim Lyon, Chief Social Work Officer/Head of Service we would like to inform you about changes to these CPPMs.

Currently

Within CPPMs each agency is afforded a vote to decide whether a child's name is registered, removed or retained on the Child Protection Register. The decision is one of consensus. The Reviewing Officer (chair) makes the decision when no consensus can be reached.

This approach appears to foster inconsistency in the application of thresholds for registration.

From 12th May 2025

In order to improve consistency in the application of thresholds for children and young people who may be at risk of significant harm, a new decision-making model is being introduced to CPPMs. With effect from 12.05.2025, the Reviewing Officer (chair) of the meeting will decide if a child or young person is placed, removed or retained on the Child Protection Register. The child, their family and agency partners will continue to be able to contribute their views on the level of risk and whether child protection registration is required. The Reviewing Officer will detail the reasons for their decision.

The Reviewing Officer will apply professional judgement, taking into account the following:

- Reports and other submissions to the Child Protection Planning Meeting
- The views of the child, young person and their family
- The views of agency partners
- The discussion in the Child Protection Planning Meeting

The Multiagency Escalation Procedure continues to be in place for practitioners to raise concerns about decisions on registration and families will continue to be able to appeal the decision as per our multiagency procedures.

For more information, click [here](#) to read the national guidance on Child Protection Planning Meetings.

Agency specific queries can be directed to your Child Protection representative:

Education: Lynne Riddoch & Hazel Sly

Social Work: Louise Milne & Lizette Van Zyl

Police: Ryan Morris

Health: Joanna McAulay

Or email mcpc@moray.gov.uk with your questions and feedback.



Workforce briefings for the implementation of the [National Guidance for Child Protection Scotland 2021](#) - updated 2023 in Moray. Brought to you on behalf of Moray's Chief Social Work Officer.



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