

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)**

### **Redbridge Multi-Agency Thresholds & Referrals Meeting**

#### **Introduction**

This document provides the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Redbridge Multi-Agency Thresholds and Referrals Meeting.

#### **Background**

The quality of referrals and implementation of the thresholds for intervention are key to ensuring that a child protection response and resources are provided to those children most in need. Where referrals are incomplete, inappropriate or delayed, this results in inefficiency both for the agency making the referral and for the Screening Team within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), leading to potentially increased risk for children.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a multi-agency forum for discussion, information sharing, learning and promotion of good practice in relation to child protection referrals and thresholds for intervention. The aim is that through working together and providing mutual professional challenge, referrals will reach a high standard in terms of quality, appropriateness and timeliness. This will enable the processing and forwarding of the referral to the appropriate team.

#### **Chair and Secretariat**

The meetings will be chaired by a MASH Manager in the London Borough of Redbridge (LBR). The Deputy Chair is the second MASH Team Manager, LBR. The meeting is supported by the Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) Manager or an officer from the LBR Children & Families Service.

#### **Meetings**

Meetings will be up to an hour duration and take place monthly. The meeting ToR are reviewed on an annual basis or more frequently as necessary.

#### **Membership, Attendance and Quoracy**

A wide range of professionals – both managers and practitioners – are invited to join the meeting from across agencies working with children, young people and families, including health, education, social care, police and the community and voluntary sector.

It is appreciated that smaller agencies may not be able to be represented at every meeting but they will be encouraged and supported to attend as often as possible.

A meeting will be considered quorate if there are representatives from at least the statutory safeguarding partners i.e. ICB, Police and the Local Authority.

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