

Risk in the Community Chat - (RIC Chat)

Information for parents

What is a Risk in the Community (RIC) Chat?

A RIC Chat, it is an opportunity for you to talk freely to an independent person about what is happening for your son/daughter when they leave your home, when they spend time with their friends, places that you might feel they are unsafe to be, people you might feel they are unsafe to be with, why that might be and just to think about how things can be safer for them. This chat can take place somewhere that is safe and comfortable for you and only if you want to take part.

Who will I speak to?

Risk in the Community Practitioners are from the Involvement Team and are independent from the social care team and social worker.



Why should I have a Risk in the Community chat?

We talk to lots of parents whose son/daughter may be experiencing risks when they are out, may have been hurt when they are away from home and others whose son/daughter may have been asked to do things they do not want to do by adults or friends they feel they trust.

We understand that it can be difficult at times understanding friendships and influences for your son/daughter outside your home, when they are with their friends and online. It can feel that sometimes you are not able to support or make decisions to safeguard them when they are out in the community.

Having a chat with us may offer time to think about how things could be different and what you would like to change yourself or what support you would like to access. Whatever is happening for your family, they can help you think about the best way to deal with it.

We won't judge you or tell you what to do.

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Will the chat be confidential?

It is possible there may be things you share about your son/daughter or their friends, which suggest they may be at risk of being hurt or doing things that might put others at risk of being hurt, and we may need to share some details with your child's Social Worker for safeguarding decisions. Any decision to do this will be discussed with you.