

Risk in the Community (RIC) chat

Information for parents/carers

What is a RIC chat?

We're here to think about harm that happens outside of the home. We know this can be a worrying time for parents/carers and we want you to know you're not on your own.

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 spending time, 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 is a chance to also think about how this might impact on you and your family. 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 allocated worker.

Why should I have a RIC 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 explore with you your thoughts on the best way to tackle this. **We won't judge you or tell you what to do.**

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 allocated worker for safeguarding decisions. Any decision to do this will be discussed with you.

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