

Risk in the Community (RIC) meeting

Information for parents

What is a RIC meeting?

Talking about how we reduce the harm that your son/daughter might see, hear or experience outside your home, whilst with friends, in places and spaces.

What will the RIC meeting be about?

- What impacts on your son/daughter being safe when they are out of the home?
- What are the risks your son/daughter might have when they are out of the home?
- Who might be able to help reduce the harm that might happen to your son/daughter when they are out of the home?
- What is going well, that can help reduce any harm that your son/daughter might be at when they are out of the home?

Who attends your meeting?

People who attend may be:

- You
- Your child
- Your child's allocated worker / support worker
- School / support assistant
- Police / CYP officer
- School nurse
- Youth offending
- Mentor
- Community Safety Partnership representative

Anyone who is important to your son/daughter, who they work best with, will be invited. There may be other people who can offer support, and this can include people you may not know but want to help. These will help to form the best support for your son/daughter.



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Before the meeting

You and your son/daughter will be invited to have a RIC chat with the chair of the meeting. This will be to explain everything to you and help you understand what is going to happen. Other people who come to the meeting will be asked to bring information that they know may impact on your son/daughter's safety when they aren't at home, who might impact on them and what might help. This will then be shared in the meeting, so everyone knows how things are for your son/daughter when they are not at home. The allocated worker should share the RIC Record (the assessment of risk and harm from outside the home) with you two days prior to the RIC meeting.

Who does what in the meeting?

We hope you and your son/daughter will be able to talk about what worries you, what you feel affects their safety, where you feel they are safe/unsafe, what stops them feeling safe, what impacts on you keeping them safe, or them keeping themselves safe when they aren't at home. We expect everyone in the meeting to respect each other, talk openly about safety and worries and come together to form a plan that will reduce the harm and risk and increase strength and safety for them when they aren't home.

After the meeting - what happens?

After the meeting, if everyone is really worried still, then they may want to make sure everything on the plan is the best it can be, and it may be needed to present it to senior management at a meeting called MACE.

This just makes sure that everyone is doing their job properly and working to create a safety plan just for your son/daughter. If you want to know more, you can go to a website that has lots of information <https://www.escb.co.uk/>

The plan will then be supported by everyone who can help you and your son/daughter. You can always ask to talk about this again with your son/daughter's allocated worker or RIC practitioner if you are not sure what the plan means.



Remember... this is your child's meeting. Being a part of this meeting is essential to understand what is happening for your child but also you and your family.

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Listening to children and young people