

Risk in the Community (RIC) meeting

Information for young people

What is a RIC meeting?

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

What will the RIC meeting be about?

- What impacts on you being safe when are out of the home?
- What are the risks you might have when you are out of the home?
- Who might be able to help reduce the harm that might happen to you when you are out of the home?
- What is going well that can help you reduce any harm that you might be at when you are out of the home?
- Creating a plan together to reduce harm, create safety and increase strengths and resilience.

Who attends your meeting?

People who attend may be:

- You (important)
- Your parents
- Your allocated worker / support worker
- School / support assistant
- Police / CYP officer
- School nurse
- Youth offending
- Mentor
- Community Safety Partnership representatives

Also, anyone who is important to you, who you 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 you.



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Before the meeting

You and your family will be invited to have a RIC chat with the chair of your 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 safety when you aren't at home, who might impact on you and what might help. This will then be shared in the meeting, so everyone knows how things are for you when you are out of the 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 family will be able to talk about what worries you, what you feel affects your safety, where you feel safe/unsafe, what stops you feeling safe, what impacts on you keeping safe when you 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 you when you are out of your 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 show it to management at a meeting called MACE. This just makes sure that everyone is doing their best to ensure you have the best safety plan and this is carried out.

If you want to know more, you can go to a website that has lots of information <https://www.escb.co.uk/>

The allocated worker should share the RIC plan with you following the meeting and provide you with a chance to comment on this. Your plan will then be supported by everyone who can help you. You can always ask to talk about this again with your allocated worker or RIC practitioner if you are not sure what the plan means.



Remember... this is your meeting.
Being a part of this meeting is essential to understand what is happening for you.

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Listening to children and young people