

Reachable Moments

Use Reachable Moments as opportunities for change and disclosure – discharge from hospital, entry into care, school exclusions, court appearances, a new child protection plan, transition to secondary school, a significant loss or change.

Think creatively about how children and young people can connect with a trusted adult.

Diversionary schemes may be the best new pathways.

Remember Health

Remember to share information, make transition plans, consider sexual & emotional health, and wellbeing for everyone.

Don't forget that the GP holds all the Information.

Consider the impact of trauma and ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Identity

When working with children who are victims of serious youth violence emphasis needs to be placed on their individual needs.

For young people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, practitioners should explore what their racial and cultural identity means for them in the context of where they are growing up and how they live their lives on a daily basis.

Early Help

Early Help intervention, especially in primary years can make a difference and turn vulnerabilities to strengths.

The following list of concerns are all reasons to begin engaging with Early Help:

1. **Bullying**
2. **Family conflict**
3. **School attendance issues**
4. **Safety of local area**
5. **Behavioural & emotional difficulties**
6. **Speech & language difficulties**
7. **Cognitive challenges**
8. **Early onset offending**

A Multi-Agency Approach

Beginning Early Help with partners will lead to a highly coordinated multi-agency approach that works.

Consider:

- Support from the Integrated Adolescent Safeguarding Service ([IASS](#))
- Referral to community groups – click [here](#) to find out more
- Police and MARF Referral – access information [here](#)
- [National Referral Mechanism](#)
- CAMHS/Emotional Health Support

Professional Curiosity

Professional curiosity is about enquiring deeper, using proactive questioning, and challenge.

In practice, professional curiosity is aligned to multi-agency working, collating information from different sources and applying different perspectives.

It is important to make a plan together; to identify your lead professional and to review the plan regularly.

Remember if the plan is not working, change it!

If relocation is planned, assess risk first and engage with Housing colleagues.

Further Resources

Havering's Serious Youth Violence [Strategy](#)

Hounslow Serious Youth Violence Thematic [Review](#)

Waltham Forest Child C Serious Case [Review](#)

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London best practice around Serious Youth Violence (SYV)