

Understanding Thresholds and Making Referrals

Background

Research by the Department for Education (DfE) of 293 safeguarding Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) – [Pathways to Harm, Pathways to Protection, May 2016](#), identified that ‘thresholds’ for intervention can vary between agencies; differences in perceived thresholds can lead to frustration or breakdown in effective working, resulting in children falling through the gaps or their needs not being met. The report also emphasised the importance of supporting professionals with their duty to escalate concerns through the appropriate agency or SCP channels.

Redbridge SCP, in its multi-agency document ‘[Are you worried about a child?](#)’ sets out the thresholds for referral that have been agreed for use by all agencies and professionals who are worried or concerned about a child’s safety or welfare. This course aims to support front-line workers and managers in its use. The course will also refer to the RSCP’s [Resolution and Escalation Policy](#), which aims to promote a culture of partnerships, working by supporting professionals to address differences in professional judgements around the response to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the training, participants will:

- Be able to describe and understand the ‘levels of need’ that will be applied to determine whether the child and family can be appropriately and safely helped by early intervention and family support services.
- Have discussed indicators of different kinds of risk within these levels.
- Know how to access services for children with different levels of need effectively, and what kind of response can be expected.
- Understand the components of a good [Multi-agency Referral Form](#)

Level 2

Trainer

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Tuesday 03/11/20

ONLINE (short course)

09:45 Registration
10:00 Start
12:30 Finish

Wednesday 10/03/21

ONLINE (short course)

13:15 Registration
13:30 Start
16:00 Finish

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