



Children crossing boundaries - memo of understanding

The Eastern Region and London DCSs have agreed from 01 January 2025 that where children move between their respective regions, the this [Memorandum-of-Understanding](#) will apply:

1. For children subject to an assessment of need or child protection enquiries:

- As set out in [Chapter 6, Section 2 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures](#).

2. For children in need:

- As set out in [Chapter 6, Section 4 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures](#).

3. For children subject to a child protection plan:

- As set out in [Chapter 6, Section 3 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures](#).

4 For other children:

- Children Subject to a Statutory Order
- Children Accommodated by the Originating Authority
- Children in hospital, care homes or education provision
- Children made subject to a Child Arrangement Order or a Special Guardianship Order
- Private Fostering
- Extra-Familial Harm: *Please note: Where a child has been moved to another local authority area because of a risk of extrafamilial harm, then **the originating authority should inform the receiving authority even if the child is not the subject of a formal plan**. The receiving authority should then assist the originating authority by notifying them if the child comes to their attention and providing information about local services. **This may include a referral to the receiving authority's MACE arrangements.***
- Families With No Recourse to Public Funds / Intentionally Homeless
- Early Help Services

(see [Chapter 6, Section 5 of the London Procedures](#))

5. The Procedures

The procedures relating to children moving within and between the respective regions who are subject to an assessment of need or risk, children subject to a protection plan of a child in need plan are the same which should facilitate the safe transfer of case responsibility.

6. Resolving professional disagreements:

In the event of any disagreement then the following process should be followed:

- In the first instance, senior officers from the local authorities should discuss the circumstances of the child concerned and seek to resolve the professional differences within 5 days of the issue arising.
- If there continues to be a disagreement, then that disagreement should be referred to the Chairs of the respective ADCS regions (or their nominee) within 5 days for resolution.