

# CERAR Referral Pathway: Children NOT open to Children Services

**Where there is a continuing CE Pathway for a child aged 17 and over Youth Connect lead will coordinate a meeting with adult safeguarding and the child social worker.**

Vulnerability checklist to be submitted to the Cumberland Children's Advice and Support Service with a SCF

\*Checklist not required if a referral from non-professional e.g., Parent

Youth Connect team to contact Early Help lead within 72 hours to arrange a Level 1 meeting (CERAR Lead will chair this meeting), to be held within 20 working days

Request for meeting to be recorded on child file by Youth Connect Team

Youth Connect Coordinator to record the request on the vulnerability tracker to ensure CE assessment is completed within required timescales

All CE Referrals will be progressed to MASH episode supported by Youth Connect Lead

Initial CE Assessment Meeting required

Yes, possible Medium/High concern

No - CE Pathway Ends

Yes, Possible Low concern-threshold remains for EH following MASH episode.

Only low concern can be held at Early Help

Pass to district team for allocation and completion of a Child and Family Assessment and devise immediate safety plan. The following action is required:

- Youth Connect team to contact the allocated social worker within 72 hours to arrange a Level 1 meeting (CERAR Lead will chair this meeting), to be held within 20 working days.
- Request for meeting to be recorded on child file by Youth Connect team.
- Youth Connect Coordinator to record the request on the vulnerability tracker to ensure CE assessment is completed within required timescales.

CE Meeting Outcome – to be recorded on child's file by Youth Connect Lead

Medium/High

Level of concern identified

No - CE Pathway Ends

C&F Assessment will continue and set out how identified needs will be met

CE Flag placed on LCS by Youth Connect Lead.  
Vulnerability Tracker updated by Youth Connect Co-ordinator

Further reviews to be held, if high concern 4 weekly and 8 weekly if medium chaired by Youth Connect practitioners, Senior or Team Manager (highs will be chaired by a team manager or senior).

Low

CE Flag placed on LCS by Youth Connect Lead  
Vulnerability Tracker updated by Youth Connect Co-ordinator

Low concern can be held at Early Help level

Children and young people identified as low concern to have 12 weekly risk assessment reviews, meetings to take place with METco attendance

**Youth Connect Lead will be notified when step down from CE Pathway or removal from vulnerability tracker is recommended following CE review. Further review can take place if agreement cannot be reached. Any disagreement will be escalated to the MET Strategic Group**