

Piloting alternative plans for extra-familial harm: things for partners to consider

How should alternative planning meetings be conducted? Where is the best place to start? Here we highlight key steps for those participating in piloting alternative plans to address extra-familial harm, from preparing a to attend a planning meeting through to reviewing the plan to ensure it remains targeted toward the contexts of concern.

Preparing to attend a planning meeting

Take steps to gather information held by your organisation about the context(s) where this young person is at risk of harm

Have the context(s) being discussed come to your attention before? If so, what has been tried previously?

What could your organisation do to build safety around this young person?

Are there any questions that you think need to be answered to make a thorough assessment in this case?

Taking away actions

It is likely that actions you take away will target contexts where young people are at risk of harm, as well as provide support to young people and their families.

Has this been communicated to your managers?

During a planning meeting


What does safety look like for this young person and their family? Is the plan being developed responding to this?

Are you, and other partners, clear and in agreement on the contexts of concern?

Has the meeting considered how to build safety as well as disrupt risk?

Does the plan developed in this meeting target the contexts where this young person is at risk of harm?

Reviewing the plan

Has safety been created in the contexts of most concern? 

Does this young person report feeling/being safer? 

Has the 'context-weighting' changed? 