



Strategy Discussion and Strategy Meetings

Following the recent multi-agency audit exploring the arrangements around multi agency strategy discussions and meetings, please see new practice standards:

Strategy Meeting Multi-Agency Practice Standards and Practice Guidance

“All strategy meetings should aim to be convened within 24 hours. If there are exceptional circumstances where this cannot be achieved then a 48-hour period should not be exceeded and the rationale for delay must be made clear on each agencies recording system. As stated above any departure from this standard must be endorsed and documented by a senior manager or someone with delegated responsibility in each agency.”

Practice standards includes updates on:

- ◆ Discussion or Meeting?
- ◆ Expectations of meeting attendees
 - ◆ Informing Parents
 - ◆ Review meetings
- ◆ This local practice guidance complements the [Pan Cheshire Safeguarding procedures](#) which must be read and followed by all agencies.
- ◆ The Pan-Cheshire procedures clearly outline the process in [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#) in determining s47 enquiries, in what circumstances to consider a strategy discussion and the role and function of strategy discussions/ meetings.