



## Briefing in a minute

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### **Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board Risk Management Group [RMG]**

The RMG is a sub group of Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Group [M-SET].

The purpose of the RMG is to minimise the risks presented by vulnerable adolescents, including those at risk of sexual exploitation and those who frequently and persistently go missing from home or placement, by facilitating quick access to resources through senior management oversight and intervention. Procedural guidance and assessment documentation for the RMG can be found on the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board website.

[http://newcastlescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\\_vuln\\_yp.html](http://newcastlescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_vuln_yp.html)

The RMG meetings combine up to date risk assessment information with a comprehensive analysis of a young person's needs and link these directly to the provision of appropriate services and disruption activity for all those involved in the RMG process.

The RMG meets on a monthly basis to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing between multi-agency partners, to enable appropriate intervention actions to safeguard those young people assessed by Children's Social Care as being "high risk and very high risk" as defined by a matrix scoring system, and those young people identified as being a medium or high risk of sexual exploitation and those whose missing episodes are giving cause for concern.

The RMG promotes a fully integrated multi-agency vulnerability assessment and risk management plan for each young person. Cooperation and partnership agreement is essential to enable this process to be effective and is regarded as good practice.

Referral to the RMG is through Children's Social Care [CSC], however A Vulnerability Checklist identifying the level of vulnerability can be completed by a Lead Practitioner who can also arrange for a case consultation with the CSC Initial Response Service to consider if an immediate referral is necessary 0191 2772500.

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If there is a concern that a young person is at risk of child sexual exploitation [CSE] the all agencies [Sexual Exploitation Checklist](#) must be completed and discussed with CSC as above.

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