

Horsham District Peer Group Conference

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of the Peer Group Conference is to discuss, in a multi-agency environment, vulnerable young people around whom there are contextual safeguarding concerns; whether this be **where** they are meeting (and related Anti-Social Behaviour) or with whom they are **associating** (either in the Community or on-line). The aim of the group will be to put in place early interventions to reduce the risk of involvement in anti-social behavior or exploitation and reduce the contextual safeguarding risk factors.

This group is not intended to discuss young people that are already involved in the Criminal Justice system, regularly going missing or have an allocated Social Worker. This is targeting individuals for EARLY intervention with the aim of diverting young people away from potential criminal activity and exploitation by identifying appropriate actions and interventions.

This is a Community Safety Partnership initiative and will be Chaired by a Horsham District Council Community Safety Officer or a Police representative.

The group's membership will comprise of representatives from schools, colleges, IPEH, Police, District Council, Change Grow Live, CAMHS, Horsham Matters and any other local organisations or agencies that may have contact with the individuals being discussed and/or can be involved in contributing to any agreed actions.

The group will initially meet on the first Thursday of each month at Horsham Police Station from 11am to 12pm.

The Community Safety team will collate the agenda in consultation with the Police and it will be sent out to partners in a password-protected document, a week before the meeting.

Other organisations will be able to nominate young people to be discussed at the meeting by completing a nomination referral form and returning it to the Community Safety Team.

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