

# Willow News

*Willow Team Newsletter*



## *Updates to the District Op MET Process*

Welcome to this one off Willow Team newsletter in support of the recent work that the LSCP (Local Safeguarding Childrens Partnership) has been completing around reviewing and reinvigorating the nine operational MET meetings across the county.

District Operational MET meetings were established in early 2020. They act as a subgroup to the County Operational MET process. The purpose of District Op MET meetings is for information sharing between partner agencies to capture themes and trends regarding exploitation across the districts including profiles about people of concern and other intelligence mapping to feed into the county wide Operational MET meeting.

The value of District Op MET meetings is that agencies come together to build on local knowledge of patterns of exploitation across districts including highlighting adults of concern as well as hotspot areas. This identification and mapping build a picture of local risks to children across districts and in turn provides the opportunity of targeted support to disrupt, divert and safeguard individual children at risk of exploitation.

The review has several findings but to start with it was highlighted that these meetings are the right arena for supporting risk assessing of vulnerable and exploited children and passing on local information across the professional agencies. There is evidence of strong multi-agency engagement in decision making and sharing Intelligence about exploitation activity linking people of concern, sharing and discussing information about Police led interventions and disruption techniques including 'reachable' moments to safeguard and divert children being exploited.

Some things that can be changed are around making sure that case summary updates are in on time and really focus on the exploitation current risk and what is in place to stop a child being exploited, this sits alongside the use of CERAF and CPI and disruption by our police colleagues.

Agencies need to commit to this meeting and if one person can't attend have a deputy ready who can support the sharing of information.

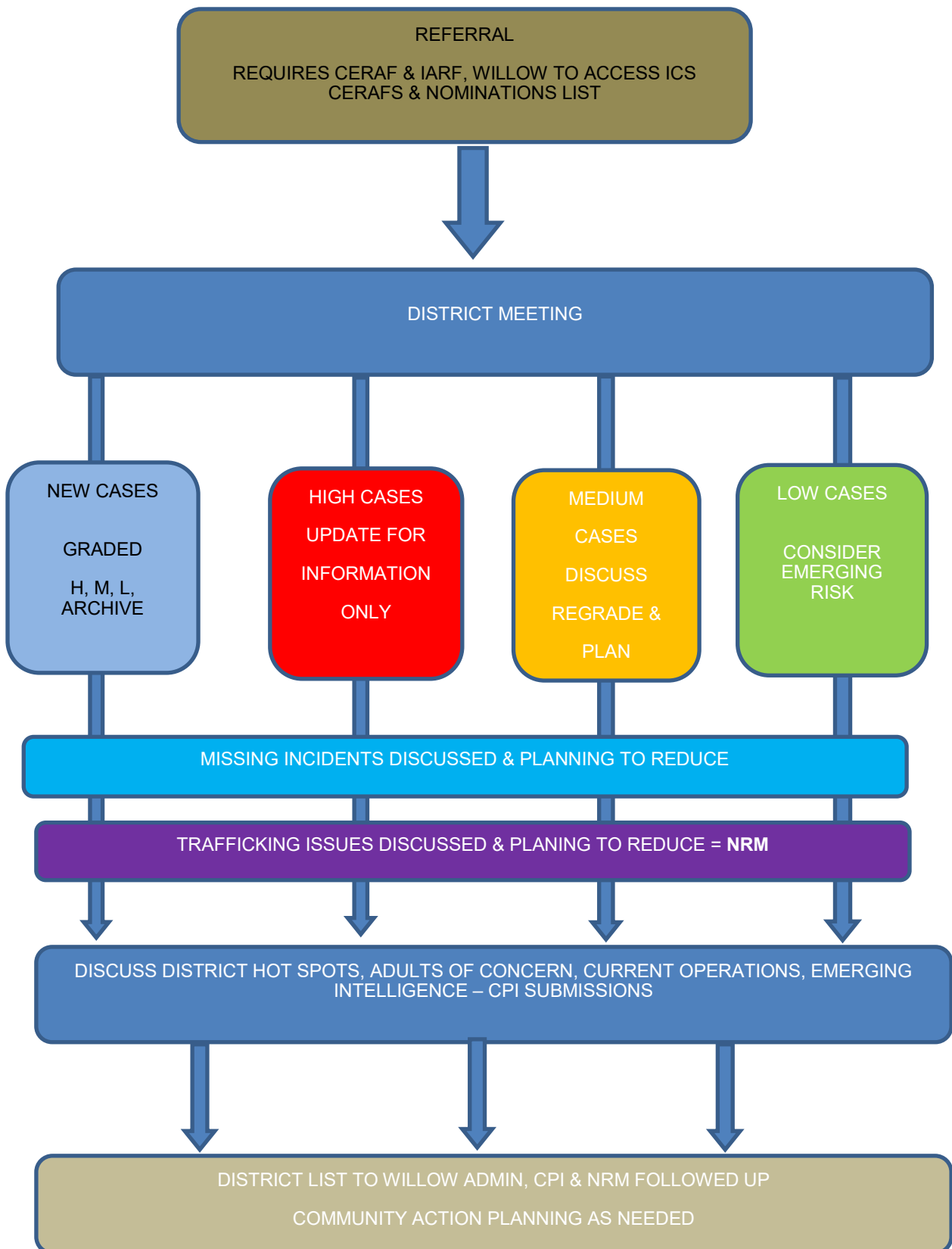
One of the key review findings is the need for a bigger focus on Medium risk or emerging risk children and less on High risk who are predominantly already discussed in other forums. We will also be supporting the sharing of greater police intelligence and local area mapping to ensure that we are alive to the hotspot areas as well as drug lines and adults of concern.

I am clear that Hampshire Op MET meetings are a source of best practice and look forward to more improvements in the coming year. *Neil Connolly—Willow Team Manager*

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