

# Chairing Multi-Agency Extra-Familial Harm Panels - Key Questions

What is the best way to chair multi-agency meetings? Are meetings for EFH any different? The following questions are designed to support your thinking and practice. We invite you to reflect on how best to facilitate participation, balance community knowledge with official reports, and focus on intervening in contexts of concern. You may wish to use these questions while the meeting is live or use them as a reflective exercise to develop your chairing practice.

## Participation

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Whose voice is loudest in this meeting?

Are there voices we haven't heard from?

Is this meeting accessible to everybody who has a stake in this issue?

Who isn't represented at this meeting?

## Agreeing Actions

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Who here can influence change in the social conditions of harm in the space or group we are discussing?

Does our action plan take into account the impact of structural and systemic issues like poverty, racism, sexism on this situation?

Does our action plan take actual action to intervene or are they actions for more meetings?

## Knowledge

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What types of information are we privileging in this space?

Are we falling into the trap of listening more to statutory "knowledge" e.g. crime reports over community "knowledge" e.g. what local people tell us about safety and harm?

What assumptions are we making?

