



**Child welfare statement:
District Contextual Safeguarding Meetings
and Complex Adolescent Harm Meetings**

This meeting is held under the Kent County Council terms of reference for District Contextual Safeguarding Meetings (DSCM) and Complex Adolescent Harm Meetings (CAHM).

Before we begin, we'd like to remind you that this meeting is focussed on everyone here working together to identify and respond to:

- Any places and spaces where children and young people may experience harm and/or
- Any children and young people who are at risk of harm

When we are talking about children in these meetings, it's really important that we see them as children first. This means recognising that their behaviours or actions could be influenced by other people (such as adults who may be exploiting them) or by a past traumatic experience.

Words or phrases that suggest children are 'choosing' to do something or are to 'blame' for something are unhelpful and attendees are reminded to always reframe this and keep the child's view, central to discussions.

It is the responsibility of everyone attending today to read and follow the [Kent and Medway Information Sharing Agreement](#).

Within the contextual safeguarding partnership embodied in the DCSM and CAHM, we are sharing sensitive information. Whilst you are encouraged to use the information to assist safeguarding young people and the wider community, this information is shared with you on the basis of no onward transmission or wider sharing of the documents themselves, unless approved by the chair.

Minutes are shared on the strict understanding that they will be stored and transmitted securely and kept confidential.

For further information about the DSCM and CAHM, please view the [YouTube video](#).