

GET SAFE, GET THERE and CARM support and disruption process

Introduction

GET SAFE is the overarching term used by Worcestershire to focus the identification, risk management and support to **children and young people** who are identified as vulnerable to; or experiencing child criminal exploitation. This approach includes how we as partners work together, identify locations and the ever-changing approaches of this form of harm and abuse; how we educate and raise awareness across our communities and our workforce and how we work together to prevent and disrupt perpetrators.

GET THERE was developed in 2022 by the GET SAFE partnership in recognition of the changing needs and transition period to adulthood for 16- to 25-year-olds who are vulnerable or experiencing criminal exploitation. This approach continues to use the contextual safeguarding model but recognises the autonomy and decisions for young people with the aim to support them with their transition into adulthood; recognising that their support network will naturally change over time.

GET THERE specifically supports 18 – 25years that fall within the following cohort: Care leavers and SEND young adults where the Local Authority continues to have a statutory duty to them.

For young people who become 18years old and no longer access children’s social care then the adult’s exploitation pathway would be followed.

POST 18-year-olds who don’t meet GET THERE Criteria.

Adults who are being criminally exploited: For those adults who are or continue to be exploited post 18 years old, the adult safeguarding procedures should be followed by partners and a referral made under Section 42 of The Care Act 2001, to Worcestershire’s adult’s social care.

Where the adult is identified as having vulnerabilities to exploitation or needs ongoing support from professionals as a result of their needs or experiences then the CARM process should be considered.

CARM stands for “**Complex Adult Risk Management**”. We know that exploitation does not end when people turn 18 years old, and some young adults will continue to experience exploitation or have vulnerabilities and need ongoing support from professionals post 18 years and longer term.

The adult’s process for CARM is:

<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/documents/carm-final-v2-aug-2022-2/>

This involves coming together to hold a meeting to identify a support plan with a lead professional. Adult social care may or may not be invited but the plan should be shared with them via: CARM@worcestershire.gov.uk so that the CARM plan is held on record and recorded.

The GET SAFE Multi Agency process for children, young people and young adults

STEP 1) For children, young people and young adults in Worcestershire the **GET SAFE Risk Assessment** must be completed when you have concerns that they are vulnerable to or being exploited. This risk assessment can be completed by any agency or professional.

STEP 2) The GET SAFE risk assessment should be submitted to the **Multi Agency GET SAFE Portal** and the case will be discussed by partners in the Tuesday GET SAFE meeting as per the terms of reference for that meeting. The GET SAFE portal is accessed via the Worcestershire County Council website.

STEP 3) The **Multi Agency GET SAFE meeting** will share partnership information and determine the appropriate pathway response for that individual and agree the identified form(s) of exploitation and ensure all the multi-agency **GET SAFE** warning flags are added to their multi agency records and set the review dates.

STEP 4) The **RED, AMBER** or **GREEN** (RAG) pathway will have been identified in the **Multi Agency GET SAFE meeting**. For those who have been identified as needing either **RED** or **AMBER** response they will require a Multi-Agency Criminal Exploitation, (MACE) meeting. **GREEN** pathway is the Early Help and Diversionary pathway and does not require a MACE meeting.

For 16- 18year olds this will be the current **GET SAFE MACE** procedure.

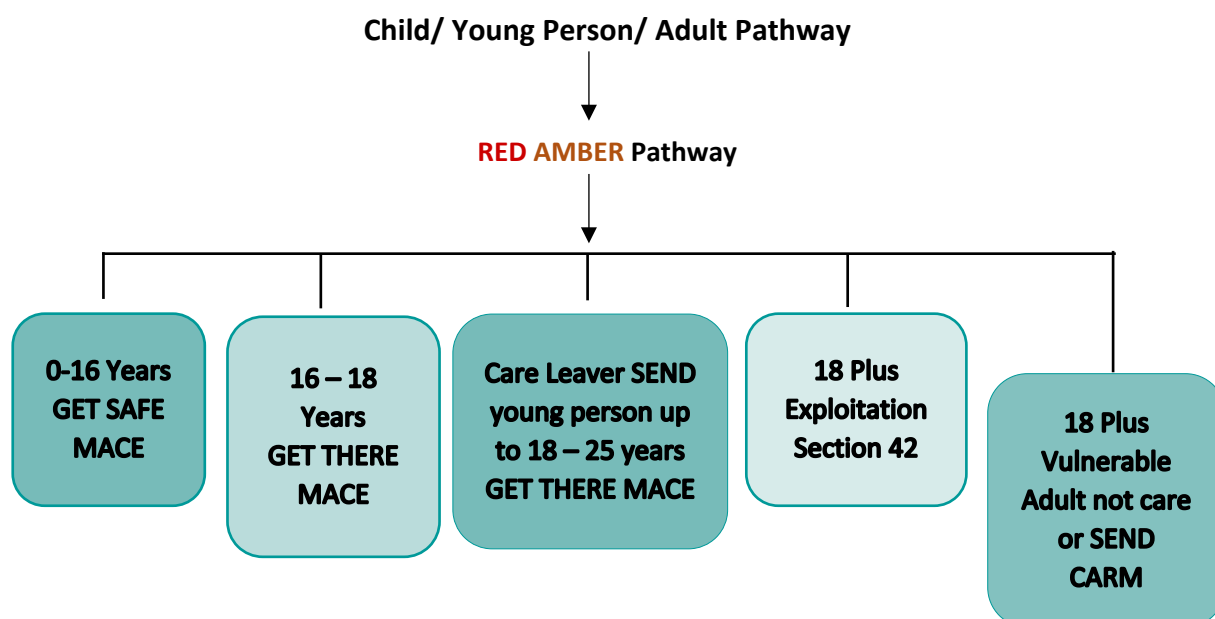
For 18–25-year-olds (Care Leavers or SEND criteria) their meeting will use the **GET THERE, MACE** template but follow the usual MACE process.

For 18 years plus and not meeting the **GET THERE**, criteria (care leavers or SEND) it will be either the **Adult Safeguarding referral procedure** or the **CARM support plan**.

The **CARM support plan template** is within this link

<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/documents/carm-final-v2-aug-2022-2/> and once completed it can be shared with adults social care and document as in place for that adult via: CARM@worcestershire.gov.uk

The GET SAFE process flow chart



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