



## **Children crossing boundaries - memo of understanding**

The Eastern Region and London DCSs have agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, where children move between their respective regions, the following procedures will apply:

- 1 For children subject to an assessment of need or child protection enquiries:**
  - As set out in Chapter 6, Section 2 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures
- 2 For children in need:**
  - As set out in Chapter 6, Section 4 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures
- 3 For children subject to a child protection plan:**
  - As set out in Chapter 6, Section 3 of the London Safeguarding Children Procedures
- 4 For other children:**
  - Children Subject to a Statutory Order
  - Children Accommodated by the Originating Authority
  - Children in hospital, care homes or education provision
  - Children made subject to a Child Arrangement Order or a Special Guardianship Order
  - Private Fostering
  - Extra-Familial Harm
  - Families With No Recourse to Public Funds / Intentionally Homeless
  - Early Help Services

**(see Chapter 6, Section 5 of the London Procedures)**

[https://www.londonsafeguardingchildrenprocedures.co.uk/chi\\_fam\\_bound.html](https://www.londonsafeguardingchildrenprocedures.co.uk/chi_fam_bound.html)

## **5 The Procedures**

The procedures relating to children moving within and between the respective regions who are subject to an assessment of need or risk, children subject to a protection plan of a child in need plan are the same which should facilitate the safe transfer of case responsibility.

## **6 Resolving professional disagreements:**

In the event of any disagreement then the following process should be followed:

- In the first instance, senior officers from the local authorities should discuss the circumstances of the child concerned and seek to resolve the professional differences within 5 days of the issue arising.
- If there continues to be a disagreement, then that disagreement should be referred to the Chairs of the respective ADCS regions (or their nominee) within 5 days for resolution.