

Warwickshire LSCB Enhanced Risk Analysis (ERA) – Frequently Asked Questions

With the *ERA* now in operation, WSCB has identified a number of *Frequently Asked Questions*:

Q. What is the purpose of the Enhanced Risk Analysis?

A. It is designed to assist members of child protection conferences when the third and fourth parts of the escalation process have been triggered (See the WSCB booklet: *New Processes for Case Escalation Warwickshire*, also available on the WSCB website – go the *Escalation Page*).

Q. How will conference members know when an enhanced risk analysis is due?

A. The Conference Chair will advise members on the need for this at the time of the second child protection review conference. The chair will advise members that an enhanced risk assessment should be presented to the third review conference (15 months after the initial child protection conference) and thereafter at every subsequent review conference. Completing the enhanced risk analysis will override the need to compile an updated risk assessment as applies at the time of the first and second review conferences.

Q. Who will complete this enhanced risk analysis?

A. Where this is to be compiled for a review conference at 15 months and thereafter up to 33 months, the Core Group will undertake this work collectively and present their analysis to the review conference.

Q. What about cases where an initial child protection conference is requested in respect of a child who is likely to become the subject of a third plan?

A. The Children's Team Operations Manager and Children's Reviewing Manager will discuss the request for an initial child protection conference. This discussion will ensure that information held on the family by the children's team and reviewing team will be made available to the conference so the full history of the case can be considered.

Q. Who will complete the enhanced risk analysis in these circumstances?

There are two parts to this.

The social worker bringing the case to the initial child protection conference will prepare and present to the conference a report which draws together this

full history. The “triggers” described in the very first part of the enhanced risk analysis format can be used to compile this report.

At the initial child protection conference, other professionals will contribute the information which they hold on the family, allowing the conference to work through all the questions and complete a full interagency enhanced risk analysis.

Q. Up-to-date chronologies are an important part of the process of properly assessing full family history. Where will professionals find the template for completing chronologies and guidance notes to assist them?

A. All the documentation that professionals will need is to be found on the WSCB web-site: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wscb (go to the Resources Page and follow the link to the new Escalation Processes Page), and the Intranet Departmental Library serving social care colleagues. A hard copy booklet of the process has been widely circulated to professionals by the Board.