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### What is a Line-of-Sight Meeting?

*Line of Sight (LoS) meetings are structured multi-agency forums that bring partners together to share intelligence and maintain collective oversight of children where risk is escalating, complex or cumulative. The meetings support early identification of drift, disguised compliance and gaps in safeguarding responses, and focus on the child's lived experience, day-to-day safety and whether current plans remain sufficiently protective. LoS meetings complement, but do not replace, statutory safeguarding processes by strengthening timely challenge, escalation and coordinated action.*

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### Further information – links

1. [Becoming Trauma Informed Hull – Trauma Informed Hull](#)
2. [Child exploitation disruption toolkit - GOV.UK](#)
3. [The Philomena Protocol | Humberside Police](#)
4. [briefing-on-a-page-mayve](#)
5. [Hull and East Riding Children's Neurodiversity Service | Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust](#)
6. [Operation Makesafe: protecting children | Metropolitan Police](#)
7. [Working together to safeguard children 2026: a guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children](#)

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### Purpose of Child P's Review

*The purpose of this review is to examine how agencies worked together to identify, assess and respond to **high-risk Child Sexual Exploitation and repeated missing episodes**, and whether safeguarding practice consistently prioritised Child N's lived experience, safety and cumulative harm.*

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### Background and Concerns

A Line of Sight was requested by Humberside Police in respect of Child N, a looked after child since March 2024. Child N has been subject to two Child Protection Plans under the category of physical harm and neglect.

They experienced multiple adverse childhood experiences including neglect, physical assaults, domestic abuse, parental substance misuse and criminality.

Concerns for Child N pertain to high-risk Child Sexual exploitation and multiple missing episodes.

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### Key multi-agency Learning

1. **Trauma-informed, respectful language is essential to effective safeguarding**, supporting engagement and consistent practice across children's and adults' services.
2. **Clear understanding and use of safeguarding tools and protocols strengthens early intervention**, particularly in relation to missing children and exploitation.
3. **Children's individual needs, including neurodiversity, must shape communication, assessment and planning**, supported by clear referral pathways and multi-agency coordination.
4. **Risks outside the home require strong multi-agency coordination and community partnership**, with timely strategy discussions, effective forums and shared responsibility beyond statutory services

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### Next steps

1. The **GOV Disruption Toolkit** will be attached to the 7-point briefing to strengthen awareness of available disruption techniques.
2. **Enhance partnership training on Strategy Discussions**, including clearer guidance on the role and timeliness of discussions and the interface with **Child Protection medicals**, to support effective escalation and decision-making.
3. **Promote consistent use of trauma-informed, respectful language across the partnership.**
4. **Strengthen multi-agency responses to missing children**, including wider sharing and consistent application of the **Philomena Protocol**, and reinforcing how multi-agency systems support timely and coordinated responses. This will include reviewing and strengthening the **MAYVE process**.

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### Good Practice

*Professional curiosity was evident throughout the review. Agencies demonstrated effective partnership working, and practitioners showed creativity in their efforts to engage.*