



Centre for Professional Practice

## Practice Briefing Note 86

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Practice requirements for Channel Panel – Attendance, Information-Sharing, and Recording</b>
<b>Effective From:</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Practice Note:</b>	<p>This Practice Briefing Note sets out the practice requirements for Dudley in terms of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance at Channel Panel.</li><li>• Information-sharing and recording information on to children’s records following Channel Panel.</li></ul> <p><b><u>The Channel Programme</u></b></p> <p>Channel is a programme which focuses upon providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Identifying individuals at risk;</i></li><li><i>Assessing the nature and extent of that risk;</i></li><li><i>Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.</i></li></ol> <p>The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 is intended to secure effective local co-operation and delivery of Channel in all areas. The legislation requires Local Authorities to ensure that a multi-agency panel exists in their area, and to have ‘due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’.</p> <p><b><u>How does Channel Panel work?</u></b></p> <p>A referral can come from anybody who is concerned about a person they know who may be at risk of radicalisation. Referrals are carefully assessed by the Police to see if they are suitable for Channel. If suitable, the case is discussed with all relevant partners at a Channel Panel to decide what support, if any, is necessary.</p> <p>The Channel Panel is chaired by the Local Authority, and works with multi agency partners, such as the Police, Children’s Services, Social Services, education professionals, and mental health professionals. The type of support offered via Channel is wide ranging and can include help with education or career advice; dealing with mental or emotional health issues; dealing</p>

with drug / alcohol abuse; and theological or ideological mentoring from a Channel Intervention Provider.

### **Arrangements for Channel Panel in Dudley**

The arrangements for Channel Panel are administered and overseen by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) Housing and Community Services Directorate, and governance arrangements are through Safe and Sound (Dudley's Community Safety Partnership). Dudley's Channel Panel takes place on a monthly basis.

### **Attendance at Channel Panel**

DMBC Housing and Community Services Directorate will send a schedule of Channel Panel dates to the MASH Service Manager, and to the identified representatives from the Youth Offending Service and Family Solutions. Those attending Channel Panel will contribute to the information share requests for new referrals, 6 and 12 month review prior to Channel Panel Meetings.

A Team Manager from the MASH will attend Channel Panel on the dates specified within the schedule, along with the identified representatives from the Youth Offending Service and Family Solutions.

### **Information Sharing and Recording on Case Files**

Following attendance at Channel Panel, the MASH Team Manager, and the representatives from the Youth Offending Service and Family Solutions, will record a case note on the child's file on Liquid Logic within **1 working day**. The following template will be used:

**Name of Child:**

**Date of Channel Panel:**

**Description of concerns:**

**Support plan and decisions:**

**Date of review at Channel Panel:**

The MASH Team Manager will contact the Social Worker and Team Manager involved, advising them of the discussions held at Channel Panel and the decisions made, within **2 working days**.

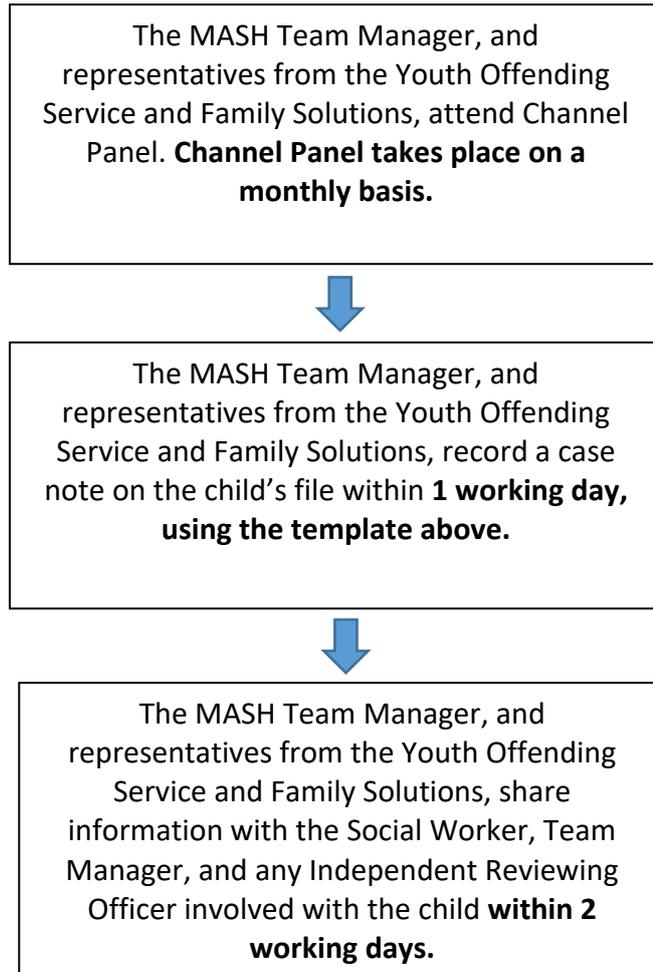
### **Quality Assurance**

Dudley's Centre for Professional Practice will carry out auditing activity to evaluate compliance in terms of attendance, information sharing, and recording x 4 times a year. Findings will feed into the Quarterly Report presented to the Senior Leadership Team.

**Further Information and Training**

For more information about the Prevent Strategy and Channel Panel, including the referral process, e-learning, and educational resources, please access the Dudley’s Community Safety Partnership Safe and Sound website: <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/prevent>.

**Flow Chart**



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