

National Referral Mechanisms (NRM's) and Lincolnshire MACE Process

NRM is submitted by First Responder Organisation to:
[Home Office – Report Modern Slavery](#)

Reasonable Grounds Decision Process

First Responder receives initial (reasonable grounds) NRM decision –usually within 5 working days.*

*First responder is responsible for updating the Home Office with any information relevant to the NRM until the second conclusive grounds decision is made (e-mail nrm@modernslavery.gov.uk with child's name DOB and NRM reference number).

Lincolnshire Police Safeguarding Hub (PSH) is notified of NRM's submission in relation to MDS/HT concerns within Lincolnshire.**

**If the Home Office inform PSH of a Duty to Notify, (NRM has not been completed as consent has not been gained) in regards to a person under the age of 18, PSH will contact the relevant professional and inform them consent is not required for under 18's. This will also be raised at Strategic MACE/ CE Sub group to ensure relevant organisation representative is aware

PSH contact LCC Children Services to request a Strategy Discussion***

***If the young person does not live in Lincolnshire, PSH will notify and transfer responsibilities to the relevant home police force. If the young person lives in Lincolnshire and another Local Authority is their responsible home authority (OLAC) then PSH will invite the relevant home authority and Lincolnshire social care team to the Strategy Discussion.

PSH emails the First Responder details and referral form for The Independent Child Trafficking Service (ICTG)****

****The Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship Service (ICTG) provide advice and support to professionals regarding the NRM process. They and can be contacted 24/7 on 0800 043 4303 and/ or Referrals can be made via the [ICTG Service Referral Form](#) rather than the cjsm e-mail.

PSH notify CS Business Support, via CE-Missing@lincolnshire.gov.uk of the NRM's for persons under 18 whom receive an initial positive reasonable grounds decision

CS Business Support will add young person to the **MACE Pre Screening Meeting Agenda** following the outcome of the Strategy Request (Strategy Discussion has either taken place or rationale provided for refusal).

MACE Pre Screening Meeting

Ensure MDS/ trafficking concerns have been responded to in accordance with [LSCP MDS](#) and [Trafficking Policies](#). This includes: CS notified of MDS/ trafficking concerns, **by the NRM referrer**. CS have provided advice and guidance to referring agency, thresholds for allocation to CS are clear and rationale if threshold for CS has not been met is appropriate. Police have responded to concerns raised appropriately in regards to the level and are actively investigating concerns.

When young person lives outside of Lincolnshire the circumstances which resulted in NRM should be considered including whom they were with / where they were found that may be relevant and inform wider understanding of CE in Lincolnshire. CS and police representatives must ensure their equivalent CS or police force for the relevant area is aware of the NRM/concerns.

Identify any additional actions or recommendations including progressing to Weekly MACE where appropriate.

MACE Pre Screening agenda/ outcomes shared with MACE core panel representative to enable them to flag MDS/ trafficking concerns on child's record and NRM referral to ensure that professionals who come into contact with the child are aware of the concerns and can respond appropriately, including providing the Home Office with any additional information relevant to the NRM concerns to inform the conclusive grounds decision.

Conclusive Grounds Decision Process

Home office will notify PSH and First Responder of the conclusive grounds decision, within a minimum of 45 days (this is currently taking up to 1 year).

PSH notify CS Business Support via CE-Missing@lincolnshire.gov.uk when a person under 18 years old whom receives a conclusive grounds decision

If a positive or negative conclusive grounds decision is received CS Business Support will re add the young person to the next MACE Pre Screening Meeting Agenda if they were not discussed at MACE Pre Screening when the initial positive reasonable grounds decision was received

Note:
Any concerns will be escalated through the relevant MACE Core Panel representative. (this will only be relevant to those young peoples who initial decision predates the current process)

Note:
MACE Pre Screening Meeting
Review any new/ additional concerns and consider any additional actions or recommendations including progressing to Weekly MACE where appropriate.