

Hammersmith & Fulham High Risk Panel



The H&F High Risk Panel aims to support professionals in managing the most challenging and concerning cases, where there are high levels of risk. These risks may relate to home fire safety, personal care, health and living conditions, or ongoing needs or behaviour which places a person at significant risk. The panel's role is to challenge, advise and support referrers, encouraging professional curiosity and helping to identify multi-agency solutions and action plans.

The High-Risk Panel is often incorrectly referred to as the 'Hoarding Panel'. Whilst the panel will consider referrals where hoarding is a feature, our scope is wider than this and the panel will only accept referrals which feature hoarding where agencies have been unable to apply usual risk management processes to mitigate the risk.



When to refer

The panel will consider case presentations for situations which have already been considered within partner agency risk assessment processes and where there remains a significant unmitigated risk. Suitable cases include those of greatest concern to the agency, which are particularly complex and have reached a "sticking point".



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Referrer can clearly demonstrate significant, unmitigated risk where multi-agency approaches have reached 'sticking point'. Referral should include examples of shared risk management plans.

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Referrer can evidence use of legal frameworks to address risk, such as the Care Act (Section 42, Section 11) and the Mental Capacity Act.

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Referrer can evidence usual escalation pathways have been followed in instances where there are professional disagreements or lack of response from partner agencies.



The High-Risk Panel is not a replacement for usual safeguarding procedures and any referral which does not demonstrate consideration of the above steps will not be accepted.

How to refer

Referrals must be made by Team Manager or equivalent using the referral form. Supporting documents such as latest assessments or risk management plans should be included to support review by panel.

The referrer must attend the panel to present the case on behalf of the wider multi-agency team working with the person.

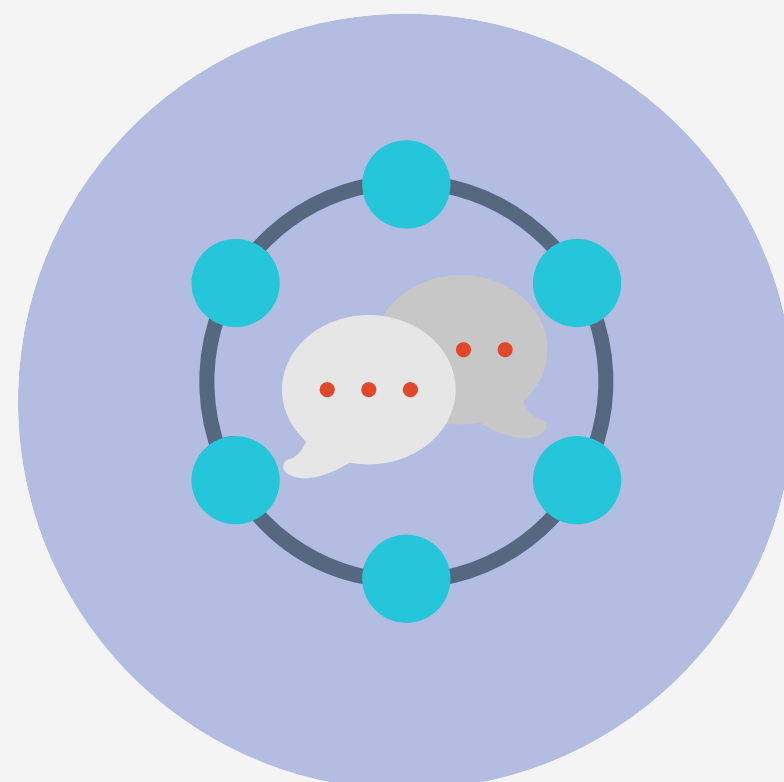


What happens after panel

The panel does not hold cases.

Ownership of cases and responsibility for taking forward actions remains solely with the practitioner from the assigned agencies. The presenting agency are responsible for checking progress of assigned actions and communicating with the wider multi-agency team.

The presenting agency will be approached for updates within agreed timescales. It is expected that agencies clearly record outcomes on internal systems.



FIND OUT MORE

- [High Risk Panel: Terms of Reference and referral form](#)
- [Other multi-agency panels in H&F](#)
- [H&F SAB Self-Neglect Guidance](#)
- [Supporting multi-agency responses](#)
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