

# Contextual Safeguarding or Complex Safeguarding

contextual information  
must be shared with MASH  
to assist with the  
information gathering and  
assessment

Children may be vulnerable to abuse or exploitation from outside their families. These extra-familial threats might

- arise at school and other educational establishments,
- from within peer groups,
- or more widely from within the wider community
- and/or online.

These threats can

- take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple threats, including:
- exploitation by criminal gangs
- organised crime groups such as county lines;
- trafficking,
- online abuse;
- sexual exploitation
- influences of extremism leading to radicalisation considered

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