Safety Mapping

SUMMARY

Safety mapping helps practitioners to understand young people's experiences of places they feel are safe and unsafe and supports practitioners to create a safety plan with young people

DESCRIPTION

Working with a young person, practitioners can print, or use an online version, of a map of the young person's local area. Using the map the practitioner can guide discussion about areas that the young person feels safe and unsafe, colouring in the map in red, amber and green. This can then form the basis of a discussion with the young person about how to stay safe when in red areas, and to consider which trusted adults or safe places they can go to if they feel unsafe. The discussion will form the basis of a safety plan. In addition, when multiple practitioners use the safety mapping tool with young people, they can gain a better picture of areas young people feel unsafe which should then form the basis of an intervention into that place to make it safer. This exercise helps to get a better understanding from young people's own experiences of different places.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Practitioners working with young people

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