**Additional requirements for gang-related referrals to the Pan-London Housing Reciprocal**

For those at high risk of harm from gangs additional support needs to be in place to ensure that gang-related issues will not continue in the new area. Where appropriate, this support is available through Safer London’s LGE service prior to the move. Alternatively the household/individual can be supported by other agencies to ensure that appropriate safeguarding and risk assessments are in place.

### Information required to make a PLHR referral to support a family fleeing Gang related harm

- Details of the agency who is supporting the family to maintain safety plan(s). Safety plans must address the risk posed to every family member.
- Details of the agency leading on any necessary safeguarding around the children e.g. ensure that the school/college is aware of the risk.
- Details of the agency/professional that will lead on resettlement support, such as transfer of tenancy, tenancy sustainment, school enrolment, transfer of support to local statutory agencies, and signposting/support accessing voluntary agencies in the new borough.
- Contact details of the person leading on risk assessments. For risk assessments, links must be made with police and the gang’s team in both the local borough and the new borough. Risk assessments are completed around resettlement including on any potential property offers.*

*This information would need to be confirmed whether or not the individual affected by gangs is moving with the household.
We recommend that London Councils guidance on moving gang affected young people and families across local authority boundaries should be followed.

### Is a referral to the LGE programme appropriate?

To be eligible for referral, the young person is required to be:

- Aged between 16-24 and affiliated with or involved in gangs
- At significant risk of harm from gang activity, (such as through child sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation), a risk to themselves, or posing a risk of harm to others
- Showing some motivation to end their gang involvement and a willingness to cooperate with the LGE service
- Not already accessing equivalent support

### *Key information required to complete risk assessments*

- Who is the individual/family at risk from (E.g. name of the gang)?
- What areas/boroughs does the group/gang operate in?
- Is the group/gang affiliated or in conflict with other groups/gangs in London?
- Would this association put the family/individual who is moving at risk in additional London boroughs?
- Does the local gangs and/or police team in the borough the property has been offered in have any information on gang activity in the area, and whether there are conflicts/associations with gangs outside the borough?
- What is local activity around the specific address that has been offered through the scheme (e.g. recent occupation by gang nominal)

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