

Do you have concerns about a child?

Sharing/recording concerns

- * Share your concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) - Kate Sicolo who will record them. If you have made notes following a disclosure from a child using the template, share these as well. In her absence, share your concerns with Maria Barnes.
- * **Remember - anyone with concerns may refer to the Multi-Agency Referral Unit directly.**

Tel: 0300 1231 116

Urgent referrals after 5:15pm or at the weekend Tel: 01208 251300

Consideration

- * If referred to the DSL, he will consider if an early help assessment is needed or if he should swiftly move to the next step.

Referral to Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)

- * Any individual with concerns or the DSL may make a referral to the MARU.

No referral to Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)

- * The individual with concerns and/or the DSL should monitor the situation.

Children's Social Care Consideration

- * Children's social care decides within one working day what action will be taken, including if an assessment is needed, and feed back to the referrer.

Assessment

- * Children's social care completes the assessment. It could be a section 17 assessment (children in need where there are more complex needs) or section 47 where there are child protection concerns.

No assessment

- * If no section 17 or 47 assessment is recommended an early help assessment and/or onward referral to other specialist or universal services; children's social care will feed back to the referrer.

If the child's situation does not appear to be improving the referrer should press for reconsideration.