

WHAT TO DO IF HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING A CHILDS WELFARE



PRACTITIONER HAS CONCERNS ABOUT CHILD'S WELFARE
 You may observe an injury or signs of neglect, or be given information or observe signs of emotional abuse, a child may disclose abuse or you are concerned with regards to the safety of a child or an unborn.

**NB: If you have concerns about child's immediate safety contact the Police Emergency 999
 Non-emergency 101**

Practitioner discusses with manager and/or other senior colleagues as they think appropriate.
Never delay emergency action to protect a child whilst waiting to discuss concerns first.

STILL HAVE CONCERNS
 Inform the parent/ carer that you are making a referral to Children's Social Care unless you think the child may be at increased risk of harm (FGM, Forced Marriage, Suspected Sexual Abuse or there may be a risk to your own personal safety)

A verbal referral to Knowsley MASH and follow up in writing using the Multi- Agency Referral Form (MARF) within 48 hours

Social worker and manager acknowledge receipt of referral and decide on next course of action within one working day

NB: If the Referrer has not received feedback/ acknowledgement of a referral within 72 hours you will need to contact the MASH ON 0151 443 2600 for feedback.

NO LONGER HAVE CONCERNS
 Ensure you keep a record and document why you now have no concerns.

**For advice and Support
 (9-5 Monday – Friday)**

**Merseyside CCG Safeguarding Service -
 Designated Nurse
 Safeguarding Children**
 Tel: 0151 495 5469 or 5295

Named GP Safeguarding Children
Dr Sunandini Sethuraman
 Tel: 0151 244 3127 or
 07919 247645

**Designated Doctor
 Safeguarding Children**
Dr Linda Teebay
 Tel: 0151 228 4811 ext 2287

Knowsley Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
Tel: 0151 443 2600