

Sharing and reporting Safeguarding Concerns: Process and Procedure

You are concerned about a child

Discuss concern with child (if appropriate) and seek advice from
Centre Manager (Kelsey Proctor) & Centre Safeguarding Lead (Lizzie Lay)

Consult Threshold of Need document to make decision of next course of action

Discuss concerns with child's family/ carer as appropriate or unless this places the child at further risk of harm

Is the child at **immediate risk of harm**? This includes –

- Allegations/concerns that the child has been sexually or physically abused
- Concerns that the child is suffering severe neglect or other severe health risks
- Concern that a child is living in or will be returned to a situation that may place him/her at immediate risk
 - The child is frightened to return home
 - The child has been abandoned or the parent is absent

IF YES

Contact the MASH team on 0345 050 7666

A No Names consultation must NOT be used in the above scenarios

- OR -

Is there a **non-immediate concern** about a child?

Contact LCSS South for advice and guidance – 0345 2412608 (including No Names Consultation)

The LCSS is the route into Early Help and will work to support families who require additional support.

**** If in any doubt please discuss with Kelsey or Lizzie ****