



Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

Child safeguarding summary referral

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A referral must be made when there are concerns about a child’s or young person’s safety or welfare; if these are significant or immediate, the relevant Social Care Department should be contacted, urgently, via out-of-hours/emergency contacts, if necessary (Record this on page 3).

A referral by telephone, must be followed by a referral in writing, within 48 hours.

Date & time referral made _____

PART A. Details of referrer

Name _____

(include regulatory body registration number)

Designation

Doctor Nurse Paramedic Other

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

PART B. About child/young person

1. Details of child/young person

Name _____

DOB _____ Age _____

Gender _____ Ethnicity _____

1st language _____

Interpreter required YES NO

if YES: language _____

Address _____

Contact details _____

Child/young person aware of referral YES NO

2. Parent/carer details

Parents (please note any relevant family details/concerns)

Looked after child YES NO

Other e.g. carer/foster parent _____

Parent/carer present in custody YES NO

Aware of referral YES NO

3. General Practitioner details

4. Details of current or previous social care involvement

Borough/Authority _____

Contact details _____

Name of allocated social worker _____

5. Education establishment/employment

N/A Attending: YES NO Not Known

6. Physical health (specify)



7. Mental health and self-harm (specify)

8. Learning disability (specify)

9. History of being a missing person

if yes, details _____

10. Other issues

Alcohol/substance misuse

Child/young person YES NO Not Known

Parent/carer YES NO Not Known

Neglect/physical abuse/emotional abuse/domestic abuse

Parent/carer physical or mental health (MH) problems

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) concerns _____

FGM _____

Concerns of 'gang' involvement _____

Other (specify) _____

11. Circumstances & date(s) in which child/young person seen

Reason(s) for & date of arrest _____

Other relevant details _____

Please include any relevant police reference numbers

PART C. Concerns identified and actions requested of social care

Record details of any phone call to children's social care regarding urgent concerns (date & time, name & borough/ authority of social worker and contact details)

Signed _____

Date _____

Name (print) _____

Name of child/young person)

Ref no _____