Advice for Early Years, Childcare Providers and other Professionals

Recognise, Respond and Refer

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If you know of a child who is being neglected or abused – it’s simple...

Recognise
Do you have a suspicion or concern

Respond
Discuss your concerns with your designated safeguarding person, or your line manager.

No further concerns keep a record
Not further action

Parents/carers should be informed that you are making a referral unless this will put the child at more risk

In an emergency situation call the police 999

If the allegation is against a member of staff – make a referral to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Consult the Continuum of Needs on the HSCP website

Concerns ongoing

Refer
When a child is at immediate risk of harm
0300 123 4043
Customer Service Centre

Provide identifying details of the child

Report it now to Children’s Services on
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Safeguarding Children