## Policy 1.2 Safeguarding Children and Child Protection - Appendix 1 Child Protection Process



#### **Professional has concerns**

If a Professional has a concern about the well being of a child (or unborn baby), then follow the General Procedures provided.

#### Consultation with supervisor

Professional discusses concerns with supervisor or Designated Safeguarding Lead to decide next steps

#### **Discussion with parents**

Professional discusses concerns with parents/carers of the child and explains what steps they will take next (if this does not put the child at further risk or affect a police investigation)

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## MASH

Where there are urgent concerns, professional contacts Gloucestershire MASH on 01452 426565 (option 3)

### Seeking advice from Children's Social Care

Professional can contact the Children's Practitioner Advice Line on 01452 426565 to discuss their concerns with a qualified social worker and receive advice about whether a referral is

# **Referrals to Social Care**







strategy discussion. (It may also determine that services are required under Section 17).

# Child Protection Conference Process



A Request for a Child Protection Conference has been made

The Strategy Discussion convened by the Social Care Team will decide if a child is judged to be at continued risk. The Child Protection Conference Team must be informed immediately if this is the case.

## **Initial Child Protection Conference**

The multi-agency conference includes all professionals who are involved with the family and the children and young people themselves. Together it is decided whether a Child Protection Plan should be put in place.

## **No Child Protection Plan**

The Child Protection Conference agrees that no Child Protection Plan is required but it may be that Section 17 services are required.

## **Child Protection Plan**

The Child Protection Conference agrees that a Child Protection Plan is required.

### **Core Group**

The Core Group meets after the Conference to follow through the Child Protection Plan lead by the child's Key Worker.

## Review Child Protection Conference

Within three months of Initial Conference the Child Protection Conference Team convenes this to review the progress of the CP Plan and decides whether to either:

## To continue with a Child Protection Plan

The Child Protection Conference agrees that a Child Protection Plan continues to be required as there is suspected actual harm or likely significant harm.

The plan would then be reviewed every six months at a Review Child Protection Conference.

### To end the Child Protection Plan

#### This maybe that:

- the child protection issues are resolved,
- services maybe required under Section 17 or
- the child is protected through other procedures (looked after children)

so the CP Plan is no longer required.

or

## **Allegations Management**



