



safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

Initial risk assessment

High risk - red

- **MASH information package to be completed within four hours and**
- **Police & children's social care assessment team receive immediate notification with research to follow**

Immediate and serious safeguarding concern requiring action to ensure the safety of the child and possible necessity to secure and preserve physical evidence that might otherwise be lost.

Medium risk - amber

- **MASH information package by end of next working day**

There are significant concerns but immediate urgent action is not required to safeguard the child; although an investigation under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 is likely.

Low risk - green

- **MASH information package to be completed within three working days or**
- **Immediate referral to ERS (Practice Manager, children's social care, decision)**

The referrer clearly has concerns about a child's wellbeing. The child may be a child in need as defined by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989; however there is no information at this stage to suggest an investigation under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 would be required.