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.