## What to do if you have a concern a child is at risk

Concerned about a child's safety or welfare

Band member makes notes of concerns using reporting form and discusses with named Safeguarding Officer

If the child's family does not already know about the concern, the Safeguarding Officer discusses with them unless:

A family member could be responsible for abusing the child

Someone may be put in danger by the family being informed

Informing the family might intefere with criminal investigation

If any of these cicumstances apply, discussions with the family should only take place after this has been agreed with the Local Authority Children's Social Care Department

If there is still uncertainty about the concerns, the Safeguarding Officer can discuss with Children's Social Care Department or the NSPCC advice line (0800 800 5000) without disclosing the identity of the child/family

## **CONCERNED**

Band Safeguarding Officer refers to LA Children's Social Care Department and confirms in writing in 24 hours

## NO LONGER CONCERNED

No further child protection action needed. The Safeguarding Officer decides whether to discuss the intital concerns with other services to ensure their needs are met elsewhere.