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MASH (MULTI AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB)

One point of contact (one front door)



CYPS
Children and young People Service

OVERVIEW

- Brief overview of the role of MASH in Wakefield.
- One point of Contact
- One Front Door

MAKING A REFERRAL

- Professional or member of the public would ring Wakefield MASH on:

03458503503 -
then press Option 2
for Children



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- You will then have a further three options -
 - For open cases- Press Option 1-
 - Option 2 If it is a new referral
 - Option 3 Early Help.
- The call would be answered by a member of the MASH who will take your details



DISCUSSION

- The worker will ask questions to gain as much information as possible regarding the child(ren)



- System check will be undertaken to see whether they are already known to Social Care



DECISION

- Based on the information gathered and the checking on the computer system the decision is made whether it meets threshold for Early Help or Children's Social Care.
- A discussion will take place if it is a professional to discuss how they can manage as a Universal Services, if it does not meet threshold for a contact.
- If this meets threshold then a Contact will be created, screening commences and checks will be undertaken;



MARF - MULTI AGENCY REFERRAL FORM

- If it has been agreed that the information meets the threshold for Early Help or Social Care then the person making the referral will be asked to complete a MARF and send to;

socialcaredirectchildren@wakefield.gov.uk



MACA - MULTI AGENCY CONTRIBUTION TO ASSESSMENT FORM

The purpose of the MASH MACA is the sharing of information between agencies to inform decision making.



Where we have gained consent or there is a very good reason to override consent (management decision) we will information share so that the child receives the right service at the beginning of their journey.

OUTCOME

- Close and step door to universal services, i.e housing, school, nursery, health etc.
- Meets threshold for early intervention from Early Help
- Meets threshold for Children's Social Care intervention. The contact will progress to referral and transfer to the Locality Team on duty and

an assessment
Will commence.



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- ◉ **S17 - S17 Child in Need is defined under the Children Act 1989**

As a child who is unlikely to achieve or maintain (or to have the opportunity of achieving) a reasonable level of health or development, or whose health and development is likely to be significantly or further impaired, without the provision of services; or a **child** who is disabled.



OUTCOME -CONTINUED

- ◉ **S47 S47 Child Protection is defined under the Child Act 1989**
- ◉ **When a child is at risk of suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm:** the Local Authority is required under s47 of the Children Act 1989 to make enquiries, to enable it to decide whether it should take any action to **safeguard** and promote the welfare of the child.
- ◉ “harm” means ill-treatment or the impairment of health or development (including, for example, impairment suffered from seeing or hearing the ill-treatment of another)
- ◉ “development” means physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development;
- ◉ “health” means physical or mental health; and
- ◉ “ill-treatment” includes sexual abuse and forms of ill-treatment which are not physical
- ◉ When determining if the harm suffered is significant, the authority needs to compare the child’s health/development with that which could reasonably be expected of a similar child

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