

Threshold Criteria Agreement on Enquiries by Police and Social Services - Child Protection Investigations

Type of Referral	Example	Joint Action	Action by Social Services	Action by Police	Additional Comments
ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexualised behaviour - No Initial Evidence of Criminal Offence 	Child discovered simulating a sexual act by themselves or with others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Officer Both organisations to be informed and agreement recorded about action taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Services only investigation. Enquiries and record details Result of enquiries to be passed to the police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record referral on VIVID and refer to Social Services for enquiry No crime recorded Police checks 	<p>If any indication is found of a criminal offence, this must be referred immediately to the CPPU.</p> <p>Consider Child Protection Case Conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All abuse of Sexual nature against perpetrator 10 years or over 	Child makes allegation against adult of indecent assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Officer Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervisor level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details of results to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and other relevant parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIVID entry CPPU Supervisor to supervise cases 	<p>Police have lead and responsibility for the criminal investigation.</p> <p>Consider Child Protection Case Conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Diagnostic medical findings 	Child is examined and found to have symptoms, which are supportive of sexual abuse, but not conclusive. No disclosure made by child - or child too young to disclose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Officer Case notes to record decision on which agency will take lead on initial investigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and refer to Police for strategy discussion Result of initial assessment to be made available to Police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate cases as appropriate Liaison with relevant Social Worker 	<p>If evidence found of criminal offence, must be referred back to CPPU via Social Worker Supervision. Detective Sgt. CPPU to agree investigation policy. Consider Child Protection Case Conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic medical findings 	Child is examined and found to have symptoms, which are indicative of sexual abuse, with or without disclosure or collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Officer A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervisor level, with appropriate support from Social Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and refer to Supervisor Result of initial assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case and hold strategy discussion with Social Services Supervisor CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with investigating officer 	<p>Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of the criminal investigation.</p> <p>Call Child Protection Case Conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All allegations of a sexual nature against perpetrator aged under 10 years 	9 year old child assaults younger sibling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and share information with police Undertake investigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details on VIVID Refer to YOT for their information No crime recorded (as Social Services investigating) 	<p>Social Services to take lead for criminal investigation. Consider Child Protection Case Conference.</p> <p>Should investigation reveal wider allegations involving perpetrators 10 years and over then refer to CPPU.</p>
ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allegations of Physical Abuse by Child 	Child attends school and tells that dads been hitting him	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy agreed at Supervision level to determine investigation strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and report to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Officer 	<p>Whilst Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation it may be agreed that SS conduct the initial enquiry.</p> <p>Consider Child Protection Case Conference</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury, clear or likely diagnosis of Physical Abuse 	Child attends hospital and is diagnosed with non-accidental injuries/suspicion of non-accidental injuries. With or without disclosure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision from Social Services and Police (DS level) to hold strategy discussion/meeting A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervisor level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and refer to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Investigating Officer 	<p>Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation.</p> <p>Call Child Protection Conference</p>
REPORTS OF NEGLECT					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of significant neglect 	Police respond to an anonymous call, to find several young children locked in house alone. House in filthy condition and children clearly neglected and failing to thrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision from Social Services and Police (DS level) to hold strategy discussion/meeting A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervisor level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details and refer to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Investigating Officer 	<p>Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation.</p> <p>Call Child Protection Conference</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other reports of Neglect 	Isolated incident of child left home alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy discussion between Social Worker and CPPU Both organisations to be informed and agreement recorded about action taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Services enquiries and record details Result of enquiries to be passed to the Police 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record referral on VIVID and refer to Social Services for enquiry 	<p>If any evidence is found of a criminal offence, this must be referred immediately to the CPPU for strategy discussion.</p>
EMOTIONAL ABUSE					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of children suffering Emotional Abuse 	Child(ren) witness parents engaged in Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral from Divisional Domestic Violence Co-ordinator Action in accordance with Domestic Violence Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action in accordance with agreed procedures for Domestic Violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action in accordance with agreed procedures for Domestic Violence 	<p>Consider Child Protection Conf. Emotional Abuse is not confined to Domestic Violence Incidents.</p> <p>If probability of criminal offence, it must be referred to CPPU for investigation.</p>