

WHAT TO DO IF: YOU HAVE CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS / AN ALLEGATION IS MADE AGAINST A PERSON WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

Child subject to a Child Protection Plan: As a professional you should be made aware if a child in your setting is subject to a child protection plan. If you have not and suspect that this may be the case you can call the Children's Database Enquiry Line. **01609 536462**

If the child is subject to a CP plan or is an open case to Children and Families Service you will be given information and the name and contact number of the social worker who is assigned the case.

Advice If you have child protection concerns i.e. you consider that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm you can, if you wish, discuss your concerns with and seek advice from your local Area Prevention Manager:

District	Area Prevention Manager	Contact number
Craven	Caroline Porter	01609 532412
Ripon & Rural Harrogate	Jon Coates	01609 532323
Harrogate Town & Knaresborough	Rachel Yeadon	01609 533446
Richmondshire	Vanessa Handley	01609 533682
Hambleton North	Sharon Britton	01609 536468
Hambleton South	Margaret Mitchell	01609 536206
Selby Town	Pat Scully	01609 532385
Tadcaster & Rural Selby	David Fincham	01609 534022
Whitby & The Moors	Diane Leith	01609 532479
Ryedale	Simon Osman	01609 798167
Scarborough Town	Liz White	01609 533139
Scarborough South & Filey	Simone Wilkinson	01609 532927

Referral to the Children and Families Service If you consider that a referral needs to be made to the Children and Families Service you should contact the Customer Contact Screening Team **01609 780780** and then follow your referral up in writing (see link: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/referral-forms>) **Outside of office hours you should call the Emergency Duty Team 01609 780780**

The referrer should:

State why they are concerned and any current issues suggesting immediate risk of harm

Share their knowledge of the child (ren) and family and any other agency involved

State if the child's parent's /carer's are aware of the referral and their expectations

Record their concerns and actions and follow the referral up in writing within 48 hours (see attached)

Give details of where they can be contacted that day.

Allegations against staff/volunteers who work with children:

In the event of an allegation being made against a person who works with children that they have:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed or may have harmed a child
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he would pose a risk of harm to children

You should contact the Duty Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 01609 532477. Contact details for the LADOs are also available on the NYSCB website at

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/managing-allegations-against-staff>

Ofsted should be informed of: any significant event which is likely to affect suitability to care for children; any allegation of serious harm or abuse by a person looking after children, whether that be on the premises or elsewhere: **0300 1231231 or 0300 123 4666**