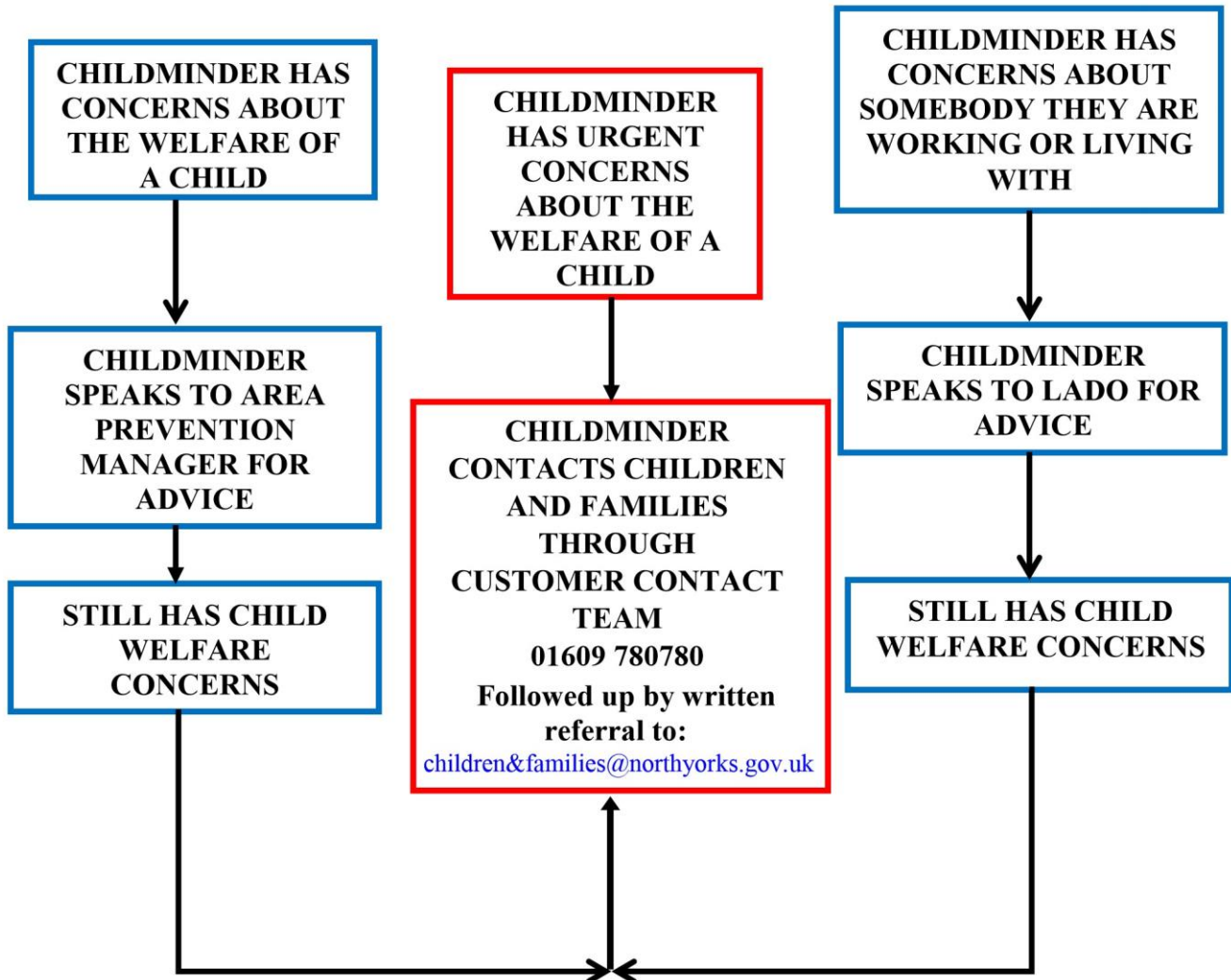


CHILDMINDERS

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



Referral to 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 Screening Team on 01609 780780 and then follow your referral up in writing. <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.

Advice If you have child protection concerns i.e. you consider that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, please call the numbers above.

If you wish, discuss your concerns with and seek advice

For **Childminders** contact an 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 535682
Hambleton	Sharon Britton	01609 536468
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

Allegations against childminders including assistants/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
- Behaves towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he would pose a risk of harm to children

In the first instance you should contact the Duty LADO by telephone on 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>.

The NYSCB “Managing Allegations Against Staff” One Minute Guide provides further advice:

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**

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’s Social Care you will be given information and the name and contact number of the social worker who is assigned the case.

The referral Form can be found online here: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/referral-forms>