**Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub**

**What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect**

**Immediate danger**

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

**Immediate concern**

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is the front door to Children’s Social Care for all child protection and immediate safeguarding concerns. If there is an immediate safeguarding concern where a child is deemed at risk or has potentially suffered significant harm, the MASH team should be contacted immediately.

For example:

* Allegations/concerns that the child has been sexually/physically abused.
* Concerns that the child is suffering from severe neglect or other severe health risks.
* Concern that a child is living in or will be returned to a situation that may place him/her at immediate risk.
* The child is frightened to return home.
* The child has been abandoned or parent is absent.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666** during office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday)

Outside office hours call the Emergency Duty Team on **0800 833 408**