

**The Greater Manchester Children's Safeguarding Board Self-Harm Pathway
(under 18s only)**

This pathway is to be used by Child Protection / Safeguarding Officers, following an incident or allegation of self-harm, to ensure that current practice is in line with the Greater Manchester-wide child protection procedures

Self-harm has occurred or intent to self-harm has been expressed.

Ensure appropriate medical attention has been sought, including psychiatric/psychological assessment.

N.B:

The majority of self-harm incidents will require no medical attention and it is not the responsibility of staff to ensure that young people receive a psychiatric/psychological assessment.

Where a young person attends a hospital Emergency Department due to self-harm, it is the hospital's responsibility to carry out an assessment.

Where the young person's self-harm does not necessitate medical treatment, staff can still contact CAMHS (the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) [under 16] and the Access team [16+] for advice.



