Pathway 1

YES

Has the child/YP reported that they are suffering or have suffered significant harm through sexual abuse, or been subjected to FGM, to you??

NO

Do you have reason to believe or suspect that a child/YP has suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm through sexual abuse, or been subjected to FGM?

NB. This includes bleeding and/or warts if seen when changing a nappy. It is important to recognise that bleeding and warts do not confirm abuse, however, particularly in young children a strategy discussion including a professional from EMCYPSAS is often needed to clarify concerns



The child/young person presents or expresses a medical concern regarding their genitalia which may indicate that the child/YP has suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm through sexual abuse, or been subjected to FGM?

Listen to the child:

- Clarify the concerns;
- Offer reassurance about how the child will be kept safe;
- Explain what action will be taken and within what timeframe

The child must not be pressed for information, led or cross-examined or given false assurances of absolute confidentiality, as this could prejudice police investigations, especially in cases of sexual abuse.

A: Referral to Police and Social Care Required

Document your concerns and make a referral as per Referrals Procedure and Child Protection Enquiries - Section 47 Children Act 1989 Procedure.

If the child/YP is in imminent danger call the police (999) and follow **Referrals Procedure**

If the child/YP is not in imminent danger discuss urgently with your safeguarding lead.

The outcome of this discussion should be one of two options:

Option 1. You have reasonably excluded child maltreatment and no longer have a safeguarding concern – record all actions and outcome including any advice for the individual /family to access medical services

Option 2. You have reason to believe or suspect that a child/YP has suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm through sexual abuse, or been subjected to FGM see box **A: Referral to Police and Social Care Required**

YES

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