

Threshold Criteria Agreement on Enquiries by Police and Social Services - Child Protection Investigations

Type of Referral	Example	Joint Action	Action Children’s Social Care Services (CSC)	Action by Police	Additional Comments
ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE					
Sexualised behaviour - No Initial Evidence of Criminal Offence	Child discovered simulating a sexual act by themselves or with others	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Officer Both organisations to be informed and agreement recorded about action taken	CSC only investigation. Enquiries and record details Result of enquiries to be passed to the police	Record referral on VIVID and refer to CSC for enquiry No crime recorded Police checks	If any indication is found of a criminal offence, this must be referred immediately to the CPPU. Consider Child Protection Conference.
All abuse of Sexual nature against perpetrator 10 years or over	Child makes allegation against adult of indecent assault	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Officer Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervisor level	Record details of results to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and other relevant parties	VIVID entry CPPU Supervisor to supervise cases	Police have lead and responsibility for the criminal investigation. Consider Child Protection Conference.
Non-Diagnostic medical findings	Child is examined and found to have symptoms, which are supportive of sexual abuse, but not conclusive. No disclosure made by child - or child too young to disclose	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Officer Case notes to record decision on which agency will take lead on initial investigation	Record details and refer to Police for strategy discussion Result of assessment to be made available to Police	Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate cases as appropriate Liaison with relevant Social Worker	If evidence found of criminal offence, must be referred back to CPPU via Social Worker Supervision. Detective Sgt. CPPU to agree investigation policy. Consider Child Protection Conference.
Diagnostic medical findings	Child is examined and found to have symptoms, which are indicative of sexual abuse, with or without disclosure or collaboration	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Officer A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervision level, with appropriate support from Social Services	Record details and refer to Supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information	Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case and hold strategy discussion with CSC CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with investigating officer	Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of the criminal investigation. Convene Child Protection Conference.
All allegations of a sexual nature against perpetrator aged under 10 years	9 year old child assaults younger sibling	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Officer	Record details and share information with police Undertake investigation	Record details on VIVID Refer to YOT for their information No crime recorded (as Social Services investigating)	Social Services to take lead for criminal investigation. Consider Child Protection Case Conference. Should investigation reveal wider allegations involving perpetrators 10 years and over then refer to CPPU.
ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE					
Allegations of Physical Abuse by Child	Child attends school and tells that dad's been hitting him	Policy agreed at Supervision level to determine investigation strategy	Record details and report to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police	Record on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Officer	Whilst Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation it may be agreed that CSC conduct the initial enquiry. Consider Child Protection Case Conference
Injury, clear or likely diagnosis of Physical Abuse	Child attends hospital and is diagnosed with non-accidental injuries/suspicion of non-accidental injuries. With or without disclosure	Supervision from Social Services and Police (DS level) to hold strategy discussion/meeting A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervision level	Record details and refer to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information	Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Investigating Officer	Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation. Call Child Protection Conference
REPORTS OF NEGLECT					
Reports of significant neglect	Police respond to an anonymous call, to find several young children locked in house alone. House in filthy condition and children clearly neglected and failing to thrive.	Supervision from Social Services and Police (DS level) to hold strategy discussion/meeting A Police led criminal investigation Investigation policy agreed at Supervision level	Record details and refer to supervisor Result of assessment to be made available to Police and all other relevant information	Record details on VIVID CPPU Supervisor to allocate case CPPU Supervisor to agree investigation policy with Investigating Officer	Police have lead and responsibility for conduct of criminal investigation. Convene Child Protection Conference
Other reports of Neglect	Isolated incident of child left home alone	Strategy discussion between CSC and CPPU Both organisations to be informed and agreement recorded about action taken	Social Services enquiries and record details Result of enquiries to be passed to the Police	Record referral on VIVID and refer to Social Services for enquiry	If any evidence is found of a criminal offence, this must be referred immediately to the CPPU for strategy discussion.
EMOTIONAL ABUSE					
Reports of children suffering Emotional Abuse	Child(ren) witness Domestic Violence or Abuse involving parents / carers	Referral from Divisional Domestic Violence Co-ordinator Action in accordance with Domestic Violence and Abuse Procedure	Action in accordance with agreed procedures for Domestic Violence and Abuse	Action in accordance with agreed procedures for Domestic Violence and Abuse	Consider Child Protection Conf. If probability of criminal offence, it refer to CPPU for investigation.