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Darlington Safeguarding Partnership
Protecting Children and Adults

CHILDREN'S INITIAL ADVICE TEAM

Before contacting CIAT, please answer the following questions and follow the advice provided:

Can you evidence that the child is experiencing or likely to suffer significant harm?

Y

Do you have the consent of the parents/young person to make contact with CIAT or have you informed them of your intention to do so?

N

Inform the parents and/or gain their consent for you to make this contact unless doing so would put the child at risk.

Y

Gather all the family's details including dates of birth, current address, current and working contact details and family composition, along with the history and current worries.

Y

Call CIAT on the professional only phone line. Have a discussion with a Social Worker. A copy of the discussion will be securely emailed or posted to you. Follow the advice given by the Social Worker.

Keep a record for your own agency's safeguarding recording procedure.

N

Have you discussed the child's needs with your agency safeguarding lead or your line manager?

N

Discuss the child with your agency safeguarding lead or line manager if available and follow their advice when providing support to the family.

Y

Have you carried out an Early Help Plan with the child and their family?

N

Speak to the parents and child about your worries and discuss with them how your agency can help and support the children and family. You could carry out an an Early Help Assessment or seek Early Help support. Follow the Early help guidance on the DBC website to support you in the process.

Y

Where you have carried out an Early Help Assessment and Plan which has been reviewed and amended as required – and the child's needs are not being met or in fact have increased, gather the information requested in this form and then contact CIAT.

Childrens Initial Advice Team

Professionals' Telephone Number: 01325 406252