

Child Abuse

What is child abuse?

Child abuse is the physical, sexual or emotional maltreatment or neglect of a child or young person.



What are the signs?

The signs of child abuse are not always obvious, and can vary depending on the type of abuse. They include, but aren't limited to:



- unexplained or untreated illnesses or injuries, particularly in unusual places
- changes in behaviour, becoming excessively withdrawn or attached, or behaviour inappropriate for a child's age
- poor hygiene, dirty or inappropriate clothing, consistent and excessive tiredness or hunger



What should I do?

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact:



Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00	Childrens Helpdesk	<u>01452 426565</u>
Out of hours	Duty Team	<u>01452 614194</u>
Emergency	Police	<u>999</u>
Additional support	NSPCC	<u>0808 800 5000</u>

For further information please visit www.gscb.org.uk or scan the above codes with your smart phone.