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- Ask the family what support / help they might need and consider how your agency could respond
- Check the level of your concern against the GSCB Levels of Intervention Guidance [www.gscb.org.uk](http://www.gscb.org.uk)
- If you are still uncertain what you should do about your concerns, call a Community Social Worker for advice
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- If, due to the nature and level of your concern, it is determined that a referral to Social Care is required take into account the following:
  - What is the date of the concern?
  - Why now? What has changed for the child to make you refer this today?
  - What time of day are you making this referral and at what time of year? How will this affect the child?
  - Do you have full up to date contact details for the family? If so, provide these with the referral



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