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GSCB Checklist – Concerns about a Child

Following feedback that professionals are not always fully aware of the action that they need to take when they have concerns about a child/family, the GSCB has produced a step-by-step checklist in the form of an A5 flyer and A6 postcards. The postcards are easy to print and can be kept in a work diary or notebook with the aim of acting as a quick reference tool. They also include key contact telephone numbers so that if, after undertaking initial investigations, a professional remains unsure what they should do about their concerns, further discussions can take place.

Key areas for consideration include:

- Explore your concerns with your Safeguarding Lead/Parents/Child
 - 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
 - If you are still uncertain what you should do about your concerns, call a Community Social Worker for advice
 - If you think that you need to draw in another agency, make sure that you get consent to refer/share information. You will need this to make a referral
 - If, due to the nature and level of your concern, it is determined that a referral to Social Care is required, make sure that you take into account all relevant information and provide as much detail as possible on the MARF.

There is a wide range of information, advice and support available for parents, carers, children, and practitioners through the following websites:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-help-for-families>

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fis>

www.gscb.org.uk

<http://www.gscb.org.uk/article/120318/Working-with-Children--Young-People>



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