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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?
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