

# Do you have concerns about a child?

If you think a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm, contact The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **01452 426565** (option 1). Otherwise see the checklist overleaf.



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Executive

- 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.gsrb.org.uk](http://www.gsrb.org.uk)
- If you are still uncertain what you should do about your concerns call a Community Social Worker for advice
- If you think you need to draw in another agency, make sure that you get consent to refer / share information from the parent / guardian - this should be signed consent wherever possible. 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, 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.

## Telephone contacts

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	<b>01452 426565</b> Option 1
Community Social Workers	Cheltenham <b>01452 328246</b>
	Cotswolds <b>01452 328101</b>
	Forest of Dean <b>01452 328048</b>
	Gloucester <b>01452 328076</b>
	Stroud <b>01452 328130</b>
	Tewkesbury <b>01452 328250</b>

Family Information Service **0800 542 0202**  
 GDASS **0845 602 9035**