

## Fact Finding and S42 Enquiry Split

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When a case comes in as safeguarding fact finding needs to start. However it is not always easy to know when to stop that exercise and pass this on to a full S42 enquiry. This table aims to help provide guidance to this exercise so that CDT workers do not overwork the fact finding.

<b>Fact Finding on CDT/ Allocate worker</b>  <b>Timeframe (2 days)</b>  <b>USE THE RISK MATRIX IN ALL CASES</b>	<b>S42 Enquiry</b>  <b>(26 days)</b>
Establish client safety (and consider others)	Reconsider client safety
Contact the referrer	Consider initial referral and SG Assessment / SAM
Consider previous history (or patterns)	Wishes and Feelings/ desired outcomes (repeated/ revisited)
Consider current provision, involved professionals (GP, DN etc)	Risk assess and longer term protection plan
Desired Outcome (MSP) –if appropriate at this stage (if the decision is not made for S42 then this may not be required)	Consider impact on the client (of the risks, of any intervention)
Consider consent and MCA (& advocacy)	Request information (some may have been already requested from CDT/ Allocated worker)
Consider criminal issues & wider public interest	Collate information
Who, when, how, what, why type discussion	SAM discussion (consider ending)
Requesting further information (This needs a case by case decision, length and breadth, time to come back) but do	Possible pre meeting with independent chair

not enter provider led enquiry, telephone or email enquiry only, not provider led enquiry level	
Risk assessment (including increasing risk)	Possible report for case conference
Interim Protection Plan	Consider provider led enquiry report (where required) building on information finding
Outline the unknowns	Consider unknowns- can these be answered now
Complete Safeguarding Assessment and SAM (potentially more than one- can end)	

**Options from SAM:**

1. End Safeguarding Case
2. Send to S42
3. Send to SG consolation Panel
4. Send case for a Review/ Assessment
5. Send case for OT input
6. Other professionals (GP, DN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector etc) input
7. Action from Allocated worker (not safeguarding)
8. Advice/ info given only (i.e. not safeguarding)
9. Provider led enquiry (to come back to CTD worker)