



Centre for Professional Practice

Practice Briefing Note - 62

Title:	Key Changes to Processes and Practice
Effective From:	9 th March 2020
Revised on:	15 th January 2021
Practice Note:	<p>1) <u>MASH – Contacts and Referrals</u></p> <p>In line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, all contacts referred to MASH will be recorded.</p> <p>All decisions will be made, and the referrer informed of the outcome, within one working day of the referral being received.</p> <p>Please click on the link below for further guidance:</p> <p><i>Working Together to Safeguard Children July 2018</i> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779401/Working_Together_to_Safeguard-Children.pdf</p> <p>2) <u>Child Protection</u></p> <p>(A) <u>Child Protection - Case Conference Reports</u></p> <p>All Case Conference Reports will be shared with families 5 working days before Conference. This gives the family time to read the report, contribute, and express their views. This also enables transparency for the family, empowerment, and partnership working.</p> <p>All Case Conference Reports will be authorised by the Team Manager and shared with the Child Protection Chair, 3 working days before Conference.</p> <p>3) <u>Children Looked After - Care Plans</u></p> <p>All Care Plans will be developed by Social Workers in consultation with the child / young person as appropriate, and in partnership with parents / carers and key professionals.</p> <p>All Care Plans will be shared with the Independent Reviewing Officer 3 working days before the Child Looked After Review.</p> <p>4) <u>Children Remanded – Section 20 Children Act 1989</u></p>

	<p>Children who are remanded by the Court to Local Authority accommodation become looked after children under Section 20 Children Act 1989. This includes children who are not known to the Local Authority, or children who have very little involvement previously.</p> <p>Every child who is not a looked after child will be referred to MASH. MASH will respond by progressing the contact to a referral, and then allocating the child's case to the Duty and Assessment Team Manager on duty. The Team Manager will then allocate the child's case, and the child will become looked after under Section 20 Children Act 1989. All relevant paperwork will be completed, and the Independent Reviewing Officer will be notified.</p> <p><i>Please click on the link below for further guidance:</i></p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441643/Children_Act_Guidance_2015.pdf</p>
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