

**Section 85 / 86 (Children Act, 1989) Welfare Check Workflow**

**PLEASE NOTE: This workflow makes reference to the Section 85/86 Welfare Checks for Children Accommodated in Educational, Residential or Health Provision procedure.**

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. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Referral Form Completed by the Provider

and submitted to MASH for consideration. The Provider must notify the Responsible

Local Authority – see Section 2, Duty to Inform the Responsible Local Authority. (If

known the child’s social worker should be informed.)

. MASH opens a record on CareFirst for the child/young person, and complete an

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‘Initial Contact’ with the outcome of NFA (no further action) notification only, unless

threshold is met at that point for MASH checks.

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. MASH forwards the referral to the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Service

SQAS), via e-mail, to the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Admin inbox

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. Referral is forwarded via e-mail to the IRO Manager (or, in their absence, the

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covering manager)

. Referral is allocated, by the IRO Manager, to an IRO for a Welfare Check to be

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completed

. Welfare Check completed within 10 working days and the corresponding report

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written

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. Welfare Check Report forwarded to the IRO Manager for signoff

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. After the Report has been considered by the IRO Manager, the following outcomes

are possible;

a. No further action – another visit scheduled in 6 months

b. Concerns raised and one or more of the following actions need to be

undertaken (see Section 4, Confidentiality);

i. Notify the provider of concerns and instruct that they take remedial

action

ii. Make a referral to the Designated Officer (DO)

iii. Inform the child/young person’s social worker

iv. Make a referral to MASH

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. Sign off report returned to IRO for upload onto CareStore. The IRO must follow up

any actions within 28 days or sooner, depending on the seriousness of any concerns.