

## **POLICE STRATEGY ESCALATION PROCESS**

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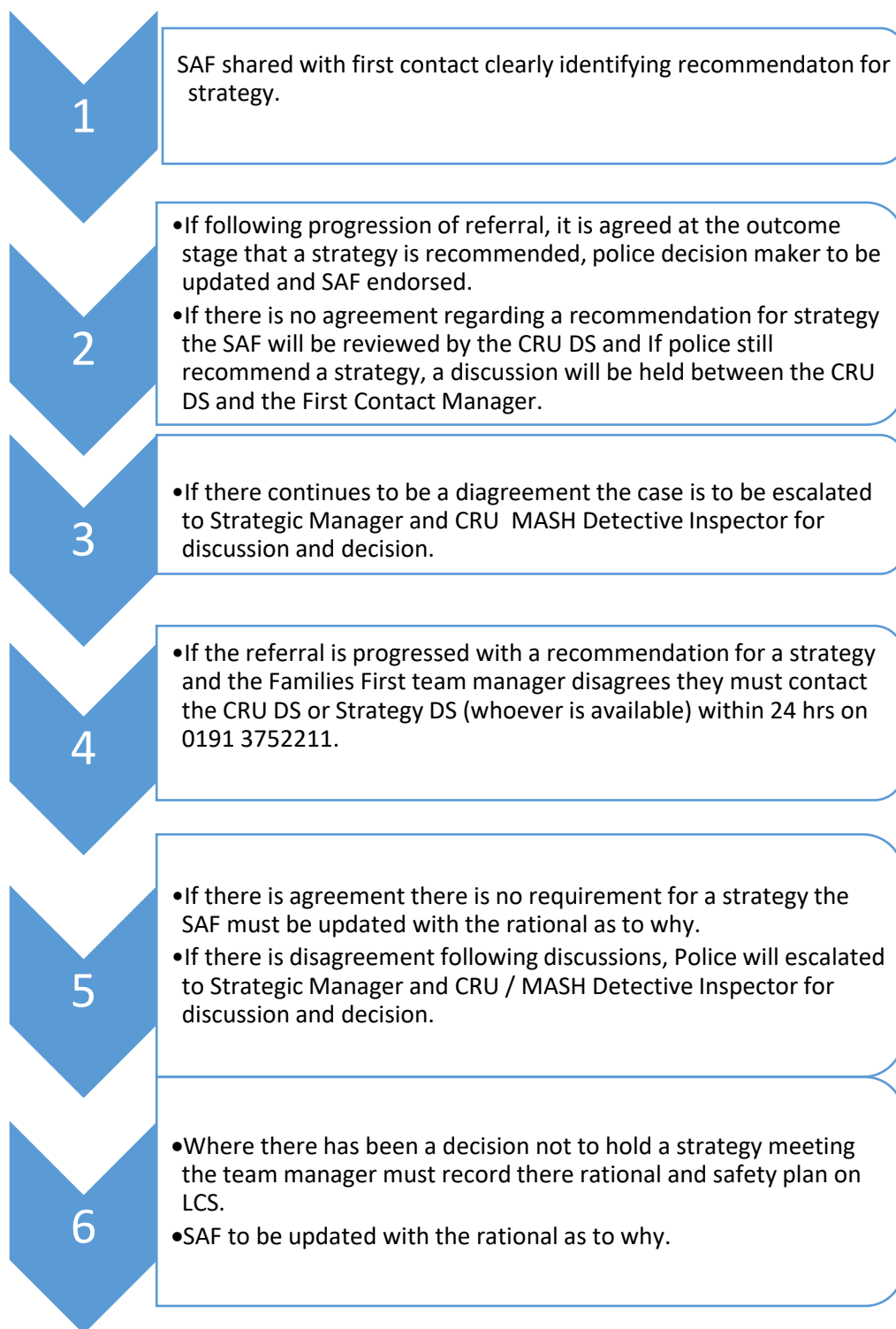
- When a CRU decision maker recommends a strategy, this must be clearly documented on the SAF and shared with First Contact clearly stating on the email subject heading – Level 4 recommendation for strategy.
  - If following progression of referral, it is agreed at the outcome stage that a strategy is recommended, police decision maker to be updated and SAF endorsed.
  - If there is no agreement regarding a recommendation for strategy the SAF will be reviewed by the CRU DS and If police still recommend a strategy, a discussion will be held between the CRU DS and the First Contact Manager.
    - If following discussion, it is agreed a strategy is not necessary, the SAF must be updated with rationale to negate the need for a strategy and document persons involved in discussion.
    - If following discussion Police believe a strategy is still necessary, case to be escalated to Strategic Manager and CRU MASH Detective Inspector for discussion and decision. The SAF must be updated with the decision, rationale and document persons involved in discussion.
- If the referral has been progressed to Family First team with a recommendation for strategy, and the Team Manager disagree that a strategy meeting is required, they must contact the CRU DS or Strategy DS (whoever is available) within 24 hrs on 0191 3752211.
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- CRU decision maker to share SAF with relevant team, clearly marked recommendation for strategy.
  - CRU decision maker to telephone ADMIN of the relevant team and request that the SAF is brought to the attention on the SW and Team Manager.
  - If it is agreed that a strategy meeting is to be held, a request for a strategy will be made via the normal process (within 48 hrs).
  - If the Team Manager disagrees that a strategy meeting is required, they must contact the CRU DS or Strategy DS (whoever is available) in 24 hrs on 0191 3752211.
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Strategy timescales must be adhered to from day referral is sent from police.  
 Strategy to be held within 48hrs, minutes are to be circulated within 5 working days.

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