

## **What Makes a Good Child Safeguarding Referral?**

Have you recorded the Voice of the Child?

Speak to the child and listen to what they have to say. Include this in your referral.

Have you considered the context of your referral and included all relevant family information?

Include an NHS number and date of birth for the child. Information about other siblings and family members and their role within the referral is important.

Have you thought about the threshold levels?

Consider the Brent thresholds as these are used by Brent MASH in order to assess the level of risk for each referral.

<http://www.brentlscb.org.uk/article.php?id=454&menu=2>

Have you recorded the type of abuse or safeguarding issues you are worried about?

State what you are specifically worried about and name the type of abuse you think is involved.

Have you made your own risk assessment?

Consider if there is immediate risk to the child or if this is on-going situation. State what you think the harms or adverse outcomes could be.

Are other services more appropriate?

There are many Early Intervention Services (EIS) in Brent that could meet the needs of the child and family. The referral can be completed online.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/children-and-family-support/early-help-and-support-available/getting-an-early-help-assessment/>

Have you obtained consent?

Unless the child is in immediate danger, consent from parents or the child (where applicable) is required in order for social care to take a referral forward. If you have good reason for not obtaining consent this needs to be stated on the referral.