



Barnet
Safeguarding
Children Partnership



Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

MASH

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One front Door



What is the MASH?

- **The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is the first point of contact regarding worries, allegations or concerns about children and young people in Barnet.**
- **The MASH brings together key professionals, from services that have contact with children, young people and their families.**
- **These professionals share information (proportionately and securely) to ensure early identification of potential significant harm, and trigger interventions to promote the lived experience of the child, young person and their family.**

Nature of referrals;

Referrals include, however not restricted to the following:

- **Domestic abuse**
- **Substance abuse**
- **Child mental health**
- **Parental mental health**
- **Neglect**
- **Sexual abuse/physical abuse/emotional abuse**
- **Criminal Exploitation / Offending Behaviour**
- **Offending behaviour**
- **Housing/ Homelessness**
- **Request for Financial Support/ No recourse to public funds**

Nature of referrals:

- **NSPCC referrals**
- **Children whose identity is not known**
- **Children / Young People who may have been trafficked**
- **Children / Young People at risk of exploitation**
- **Transient families**
- **Minor concerns about a child on a repeated basis**
- **Children / Young People involved in serious youth violence**
- **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**
- **Worries of radicalisation**
- **All of other referrals deemed appropriate by a Manager**

Who is in MASH ?



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The MASH is supported by a partnership of co-located agencies including children services, police, health, education, substance misuse, domestic abuse services, housing, early help. Other partners support the MASH through virtual support and access to information – Probation, LADO, Solace, CSE police, CAMHS, Gangs Police.



What does the MASH do?

- **BRAG ratings – Blue, Red, Amber, Green**
- **Recommendation by Team Manager as to whether to gather information, analysis of that information, decision about action needed. Possible outcomes include:**
- **No further action;**
- **Intervention through Universal or Early Help Services**
- **Referral to one of the front line teams for assessment (Duty & Assessment Team, 0 – 25 service);**
- **Navigate to other services**

How is intervention offered?

- **Level 1** – Universal Services
- **Level 2** – Children with additional needs
- **Level 3** – Children with complex multiple needs
- **Level 4** – Children with acute needs

Children with complex, multiple and acute needs

In Barnet, assessment, intervention and planning can include the following:

- **Early Help Assessments (EHA)**
- **Child and Family Assessments (C&F)**
- **Child in Need (CIN) intervention and reviews**
- **Section 17 of the Children Act 1989**
- **Section 47 of the Children Act 1989 (Child Protection)**
- **Children in Care**

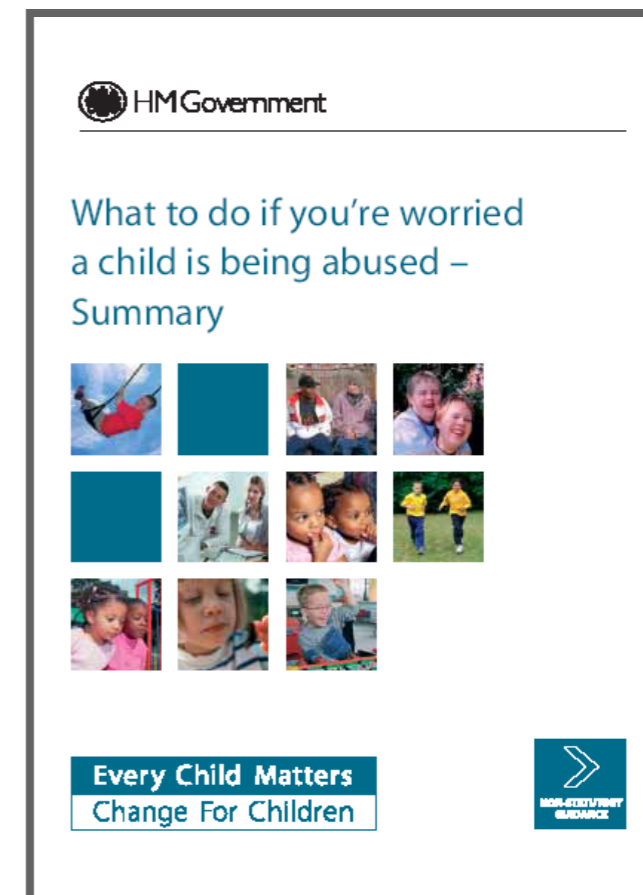
Intervention can move across Early Intervention, CIN and CP during the process of assessment or CIN work.

The way forward:

- **It is vital that that a referral to MASH is accurate;**
- **Highlights the strengths, views of the child, young person and care giver if considered safe to do so;**
- **Includes the date of any incident, what happened and confirms where the child is;**
- **Correct demographics of the household and significant others;**
- **We are developing good links with other professionals in order to promote the right intervention the first time;**
- **We need to be able to work together to keep children safe and to help parents and care givers to provide safe care;**

Legislation, guidance & procedures

- Working Together 2013



Main Acts: The Children Act 1989, The Children Act, 2004, Human Rights Act 1998, The Equality Act, 2010,