Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Staff have concerns about child and take immediate action. Staff follow their child protection policy School/college action and speak to designated safeguarding lead (1) Other agency action Referral not Designated required, Referral (3) safeguarding lead or school/college made if staff makes referral (3) to children's takes relevant concerns action, possibly social care (and call escalate police if including early help (2) and appropriate) monitors locally Within 1 working day, social worker makes decision about the type of response that is required Child in need Section 47 (4) Section 17 (4) No formal of immediate enquiries enquiries assessment protection: appropriate: appropriate: required: referrer referrer informed informed informed informed Ψ Appropriate Identify child School/college Identify child in emergency at risk of considers early need (4) and action taken significant help identify assessment (2) by social harm (4): appropriate worker, police possible child accessing support or NSPCC (5) protection universal services and plan other support At all stages, staff should keep the child's circumstances under review and re-refer if appropriate, to ensure the child's circumstances improve - the child's best interests must always (1) In cases which also involve an allegation of abuse against a staff member, see Part Four of this quidance. (2) Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from co-ordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter one of Working together to safeguard children provides detailed guidance on the

Actions where there are concerns about a child

To raise concerns about children, members of staff should contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by telephone to discuss the referral. They should then complete the online Multi-Agency Referral Form (MARF) and submit this to the MASH. The school will follow up referrals if we do not receive feedback from social care.

MASH Telephone number: 02476 788 555

early help process

safeguard children.

MASH online referral form: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren

(3) Referrals should follow the local authority's referral process. Chapter one of Working together to

(4) Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. This can include section 17 assessments of children in need and section 47 assessments of children at risk of significant harm. Full details are in

Out of hours Emergency Duty Team: 02476 832 222

Chapter One of Working together to safeguard children.

(5) This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).

Prevent/Channel Referrals: Refer to MASH and to <u>CTU_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk</u>

If a child's situation does not appear to be improving following a referral, the school may re-refer the child. We will also consider using the <u>LSCB's Escalation Policy</u>. to ensure that our concerns have been addressed and that the situation improves for the child.