

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding in Domestic Abuse Incidents- Derbyshire Protocol**

Police attend incident. If incident considered **high risk** or known **on critical register**, police alerted to this before arrival.

At incident, police complete risk assessment form (DASH-ACPO) and risk categorized as **HIGH, MEDIUM** or **STANDARD**.

Children are linked to the incident and child protection concerns are identified. Children are only removed under **Police Protection** if risks are immediate.

Passed to Police Child Abuse Central Referral Unit. The unit DS will be consulted as necessary and the co-located Child Protection Manager to advise as required. MARAC referral made for all high risk cases or if meets MARAC threshold.

High risk cases are allocated to the divisional police Domestic Violence team and the DV DS may be asked to re-assess incidents that are considered borderline between medium and high risk.

**Call Derbyshire, Health and Education** alerted to all incidents that meet the agreed threshold (see trigger list in protocol). Timescale/process is dependent on risk level. All notifications are sent via secure email.

High

Medium

Standard

Within 24 hours of risk being assessed:

- Notification to Health if child under 5. Midwife alerted if woman is pregnant
- Notification to Education Welfare for all school age children (with child's school then alerted to incident via Head), and
- **Referral to Call Derbyshire categorised as 'S47-Significant Harm'.**

**Within Call Derbyshire** ; Screened by Senior Practitioner Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00pm and by manager Out of Hours. S47 agreed or reduced to Initial Assessment. Child's whereabouts and safety checked.

-S47/ social care (initial) assessment sent to social care district office. Responded to on duty or passed to allocated worker. Allocated MAT worker alerted.

-Strategy discussion/ meeting arranged with the police/CP Manager. Decision made re ICPC or other immediate actions.

Within 3 days of risk being assessed:

- Notification to Health if child under 5. Midwife alerted if woman is pregnant
- Notification to Education Welfare for all school age children (with child's school then alerted to incident via Head), and
- **S17 Child in Need Referral sent to Call Derbyshire.**

**Within Call Derbyshire**; Screened by Senior Practitioner Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00pm and by worker/manager Out of Hours.

-Passed to allocated social worker/MAT worker if open case.

-If not open, options include passing social care (initial) assessment/S47 to social care district office, passed to MAT or NFA (dependent on assessed risk)

Within 7 days of risk being assessed:

- Notification to Health if child under 5. Midwife alerted if woman is pregnant
- Notification to Education Welfare for all school age children (with child's school then alerted to incident via Head), and
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