We’re launching a new Professional Consultation Line on the 1st November 2016.

This is a consultation line for professionals working with children, young people and families, in order to obtain advice, explore ways of engaging children and families in early help and to discuss whether the threshold for a referral to Social Care or MAT services has been met.

The Service will be available between the hours of 10:00 and 13:00, Monday to Friday to talk to a Children’s Social Care Manager.

The telephone number is 07812300329

The Professional Consultation Line is not a referral service.

If the concern/issues raised indicate that there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm the Team Manager will record the Contact and advise the caller to contact the First Contact Team to make a referral.

The Professional Consultation Line does not replace those services already established such as the First Contact Team, Health professional’s access to Named Nurse advice or members of staff from schools accessing the Child Protection Manager. The aim is to complement those already established arrangements in place.

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