

Multi-Agency Safeguarding in Domestic Abuse Incidents- Derbyshire Protocol

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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**.
(All details of children will be included on the DASH, including name of their school, to allow notification of the DA incident to the school)

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

High and Medium Risk DASH are screened by the Police Referral Unit and are then shared with Starting Point. The Standard Risk assessments are shared with Starting Point on an automated bulk report – on a daily basis. The Police Referral Unit DS will be consulted as necessary along with the co-located Child Protection Manager. MARAC referrals are made for all High Risk cases.

High risk cases are reviewed by the D/Sgt's on the Public Protection Hub in order to confirm the risk level where incidents are considered borderline between Medium and High risk.

Starting Point, 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
- Automated notification of the DA incident to the child/rens school for all school age children; and
- **DASH & Safeguarding Referral sent to Starting Point categorised as Significant Harm**.

Within Starting Point; All Domestic Abuse notifications are screened by a Social Worker / Team Manager, Monday-Friday 9.00-5.00pm and by Social Worker /Manager Out of Hours. To determine threshold decisions for further triage / actions. Further actions include consideration for immediate Strategy discussion / meeting, S47 / Single Assessment, Early Help assessment or sign posting to other services

Open cases are reviewed by the allocated or duty worker either within the MAT or SC team.

Within 3 days of risk being assessed:

- Notification to Health if child under 5. Midwife alerted if woman is pregnant
- Automated notification of the DA incident to the child/rens school for all school age children; and
- **DASH & Child in Need Referral sent to Starting Point**

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Within 7 days of risk being assessed:

- Notification to Health if child under 5. Midwife alerted if woman is pregnant
- Automated notification of the DA incident to the child/rens school for all school age children; and
- **Automated bulk DASH report sent for Triage at Starting Point.**

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