

## **ACCESS TO GP RECORDS BY THE MULTIAGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH) HEALTH PROFESSIONALS INFORMATION SHARING LEAFLET**

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), based in the Worsborough Lift Building, aims to improve the safeguarding response for children and vulnerable adults through better information sharing and high quality and timely safeguarding responses. The MASH includes representative from Children and Young People's Social Care, a health professional, Police and other agencies. Professionals within the MASH gather and share information relevant to the safeguarding concern to enable them to complete a risk assessment and analysis regarding risk to the child/vulnerable adult. This includes information required to assess the needs and management of risk, child developmental needs, parenting capacity and family and environmental factors.

Relevant agencies are informed of the outcome of the risk assessment by the MASH Health Professional via the Mash Health Case Research Form. Clinicians working with children and families review the form and if requiring further information contact the health professional in the MASH. The MASH Case research form should be scanned onto the client record.

1. Access to health information will be via a MASH health professional, having access to information via the Medical Interoperability Gateway (MIG) will improve information sharing and save time in obtaining information from GP Practices.
2. Access to health information will be in accordance with the Caldicott 2 duty to share principles and data protection principles will be adhered to. Sometimes the threshold for significant harm may not be met (child protection) in which case consent needs to be obtained from the client prior to accessing records by the Social Work Manager. Where consent cannot be obtained a decision is reached as to whether this acting 'In the best interest' or 'acting in good faith' to safeguard a child.
3. The Children Act 2004 – places a duty on key people and bodies to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children including protection from harm and neglect.

The Health and Social Care Act (Safety and Quality) 2015 - this includes a duty on health and adult social care providers to share information about a person's care with other health and care professionals.

Care Act 2014 - a legal framework so key organisations and individuals with responsibilities for adult safeguarding can agree on how they must work together and what roles they must play to keep adults at risk safe.

**Thank you for your continued commitment to Safeguard Children please don't hesitate to contact Angela Fawcett Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children/LAC on 01226 433708 [angela.fawcett@nhs.net](mailto:angela.fawcett@nhs.net) if you experience any problems with the MASH or would like to make a suggestion to improve this vital function.**

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