Child Protection Guidelines – Flowchart for action

Signs
Symptoms
Child speaks

Is this possible abuse?

NO

YES

Discuss with child protection co-ordinator

Contact Police immediately

Monitor situation. Reactivate if necessary.

NO

YES

Are symptoms suggestive of poor parenting and parents needing help? (Not significant harm?

NO

Are symptoms suggestive of sexual abuse and / or is the child in danger of significant harm if they return home?

Is child / young person suggesting sexual abuse within last few days and you can't get hold of Children's Social Services?

YES

Don't speak to parents / carers

YES

Speak to parent / carer. Advise to seek help from GP, Health Visitor or Children's Social Services

Contact Children's Social Services, Police or CCPAS for advice

Is this effective?

NO

Offer to accompany parent / carer to GP, Health Visitor, Children's Social Services

YES

NO

No further action

YES

Is this effective?