Countess of Chester Hospital NHS
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What To Do If You're Worried A Child is Being Abused

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Child Protection Flowchart For Referral

PRACTITIONER HAS CONCERNS ABOUT CHILD'S WELFARE

Practitioner discusses with manager and/or other senior colleagues as they think appropriate

Still has concerns

No longer has concerns

No further child protection action, although may need to act to ensure services provided

Practitioner refers to social services, following up in writing within 48 hours

Feedback to referrer on next course of action

Social worker and manager acknowledge receipt of referral and decide on next course of action within one working day

No further social services involvement at this stage, although other action may be necessary, eg. onward referral

Initial assessment required

Concerns about child's immediate safety

Social Services

Cheshire West & Chester 01244 9734000

Halton 01928 704300
Cheshire Central and Vale Royal 01606 275600
Wrexham 01978 292039
Flintshire 01352 701000

Emergency Duty Teams

West Cheshire, Vale Royal & Halton 01[illegible] I&S
Flintshire, Wrexham & Denbighshire 08[illegible] I&S

Police

Cheshire 01244 350000

North Wales 01745538426

For advice prior to referral call Named or Designated Professionals

Rajiv Mittal Named/Designated Doctor	0[illegible]
Karen Milne Name Midwife/ professional Safeguarding Children	0[illegible]
Paula Lewis Deputy Named professional Safeguarding Children	0[illegible]
Jean Fisher Link Midwife Safeguarding	0[illegible]
Vivien Beswick Link Nurses Safeguarding (A & E)	0[illegible]
Nicky Jackson/Ruth Holmes Link Nurses Safeguarding (Paediatrics)	0[illegible]

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The hospital on-call paediatricians may also be contacted **at any time** for advice if necessary. Bleep through switchboard.

Out of hours please refer to the on-call paediatrician.

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