

# Safeguarding Children

## Information for Parents and Carers

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The RD&E is committed to safeguarding all children. This means that RD&E Trust staff must do all they can to ensure that children



## What else happens after a referral to MASH?

If the child is thought to have been harmed or could be harmed in the future, they will be referred on to the children's social care team. This team may contact you and tell you what they have to do next. Information will also be given to the police if it is necessary to help stop or solve a crime.

If the child has not been harmed but they or their family would benefit from extra help, their details may be given to the Early Help team who will be able to provide support and advice about Early Help services.

MASH will also write to the child and family explaining the outcome of the inquiry within 10 working days.

## How can I find more information?

You can discuss any concerns about this process with a senior paediatric nurse or doctor, or with PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service).

You can read the RD&E Trust Safeguarding Children Policy – ask a member of staff.

You can find out more about MASH from [www.dcfp.org.uk](http://www.dcfp.org.uk)

Remember – if you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

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