Making a Child Protection Referral

Concern about harm or risk of harm to a child or children from abuse or neglect (familial and non-familial) Notification of nature and location of concern to police or social work (referral to police if risk of harm is immediate) **Immediately** Consideration of inter-agency-referral discussion by social work, police or health (IRD). (Emergency protective action considered if risk is immediate) Is there a likelihood of significant harm? Yes No **Wellbeing Concern** Without undue delay Assessment and support, which can be single agency or co-IRD process. The start of the formal process of ordinated when a multi-agency information sharing assessment, analysis and plan is required. Re-referral to decision-making following reported concern. If police or social work can occur likelihood of significant harm, initial plans are if risk assessment changes. made e.g. about: investigation, JII, health assessment, needs of this child and others involved in this context, and any immediate protective action. Concerns about neglect or Is there a risk of significant harm? abuse of a child which have reached the threshold of No Yes significant harm. Child Protection Investigation. A multi-agency assessment, co-ordinated by a lead professional. Is a multi-agency CP plan required to prevent significant harm? Yes No 28 days from IRD decision **Child Protection Planning Meeting**. Consideration of adding child's name to child protection register, and referral to SCRA. CP Core Group identified