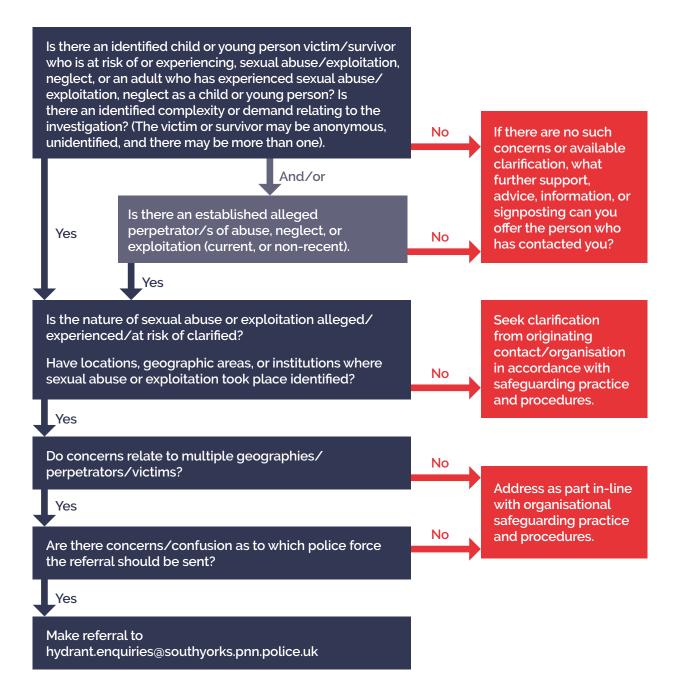


Deciding whether you need to make a referral to the Hydrant Programme

If you believe that a child, young person, or adult is at immediate risk of harm, call the police on 999.



- Are you concerned that a child or young person is at risk of or is experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation?
- Are you concerned that an adult has experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation as a child or young person?
- Are there any immediate risks to the adult, child, or young person?
- What types of abuse, neglect or exploitation are you concerned about?
- Do the concerns relate to relate to recent or non-recent child sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation where there is complexity by number of victims/suspects/force areas or the nature of investigation itself?
- Have you discussed and agreed next steps with the adult, child, or young person?
- Have you provided advice, information or signposted the adult, child, or young person to relevant support services?



Making a good referral

Use the Hydrant Programme Referral form available from hydrantenquiries@ southyorks.pnn.police.uk.

Read the Hydrant Programme Referral guidance available from hydrantenquiries@ southyorks.pnn.police.uk.

Make clear who you are, your role and relationship to the victim/survivor/ perpetrator you are making the referral about.

Details of the victim/survivor wherever
possible including date of birth and address.

Clarify the nature of the abuse or exploitation alleged/experienced/ at risk of.

Where possible identify geography, locations, or institutions where the abuse or exploitation took place.

Details of the alleged perpetrator(s) including date of birth if known, last known address and whether they pose a continuing safeguarding concern.

State the source of your concern and be clear as to what is fact and what is opinion.

 Provide details of any immediate action taken, e.g., LADO referral, suspension from role, etc.

Provide details of any previous concerns and interventions.

Set out the reason for the referral.

Be respectful – would you be happy to share the referral with the victim/survivor concerned?

Ensure that language reflects the seriousness of the situation to prompt appropriate policing response.

