



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.

HYDRANT
PROGRAMME

Supporting child protection
and abuse investigation

- + 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 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.

