

CHILD PROTECTION

Getting it right for every child complements but does not replace the Shetland inter-agency Child Protection Procedures.

Child safety and wellbeing is an inherent part of the *Getting it right for every child* approach. But there are circumstances where additional action under the Child Protection Procedures needs to be taken.

If, as a result of any involvement under *Getting it right for every child*, a child or young person appears to be in need of protection, **the Shetland inter-agency Child Protection Procedures must be followed immediately.**

It is not possible here to list all situations that may trigger the Shetland inter-agency Child Protection Procedures.

- **Refer to the Shetland inter-agency Child Protection Procedures for further detail**

However, you may consider making such a referral when:

- Allied to other serious concerns, parents or carers withdraw co-operation from the *Getting it right for every child* process
- Allied to other serious concerns, where there is difficulty in gaining access to a child/young person
- Where information comes to light during involvement suggesting that a child/young person may have been abused, or may be at risk of being abused, or a child/young person makes an allegation that s/he has been subject to any form of abuse
- Whenever it appears that a criminal offence may have been committed in relation to a child/young person relating to abuse or neglect
- Where, despite a parent's co-operation, the outcomes for a child/young person are not improving. This includes situations where chronic poor care and neglect are damaging a child/young person's potential and the provision of services is not making the situation better
- When a person who is considered a risk to children moves into the family home or has regular contact with the child