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Immediate risk? Do not delay. Take action **Contact Emergency Services** within 24 hours on 999 If your concern is about a member or volunteer of the church discuss it with your Responsible Person, Safeguarding Lead or Pastor. A rapid preliminary evaluation and clarification is undertaken. (This is classified as an internal concern). If your concern is about someone external to the church conference, seek advice from your DSL or other responsible person. All concerns must be recorded. Still has concern Relevant support identified No longer has concern and offered Continue to be alert to the Safeguarding Person or pastor makes referral to welfare of the child/adult or statutory services; follow-up in writing within 48 hours keep situation under review Statutory services will acknowledge referral and must decide on action to be taken within one working day Follow advice given and record all said and done Statutory services will make further enquiries and may undertake a formal investigation; determine no further involvement required at this stage or offer alternative services