

# Child Protection: Guidelines for Devon Pharmacists

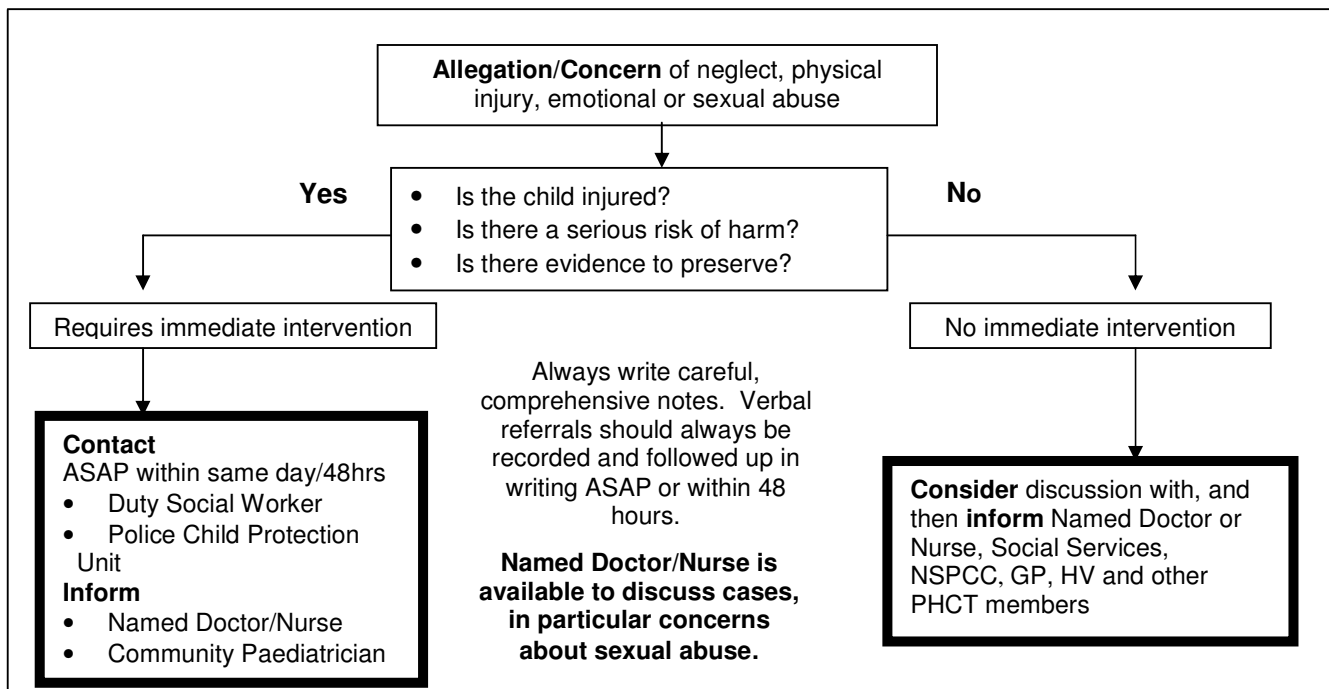
As a healthcare professional you have a duty of care to safeguard and support the welfare of children. Please advise your pharmacy team of this duty too.

You need to be alert to the possibility of child abuse or neglect, be familiar with and follow local child protection procedures and be able to contact the appropriate child protection officer if needed. You must also keep a record of any concerns or action taken.

**DO NOT** discuss any concerns with the suspected/alleged perpetrator of abuse or attempt to investigate suspicions or allegations of abuse.

**DO NOT** ignore your concerns and do nothing

('Child' refers to anyone under 18 years old)



## Devon PCT

**Duty Consultant Paediatrician via Pager** Charles Holme 01392 403141  
 PCT Named Doctor Charles Holme 01392 403141  
 PCT Named Nurse Helen Highland 01884 235558

## Duty Social Worker

Out of Hours	0845 6000388		
Exeter & East Devon	01392 384444	South Hams	01392 386000
Mid Devon	0845 1110640	Teignbridge	01392 384900
North Devon	01271 388660	West Devon	01392 386990

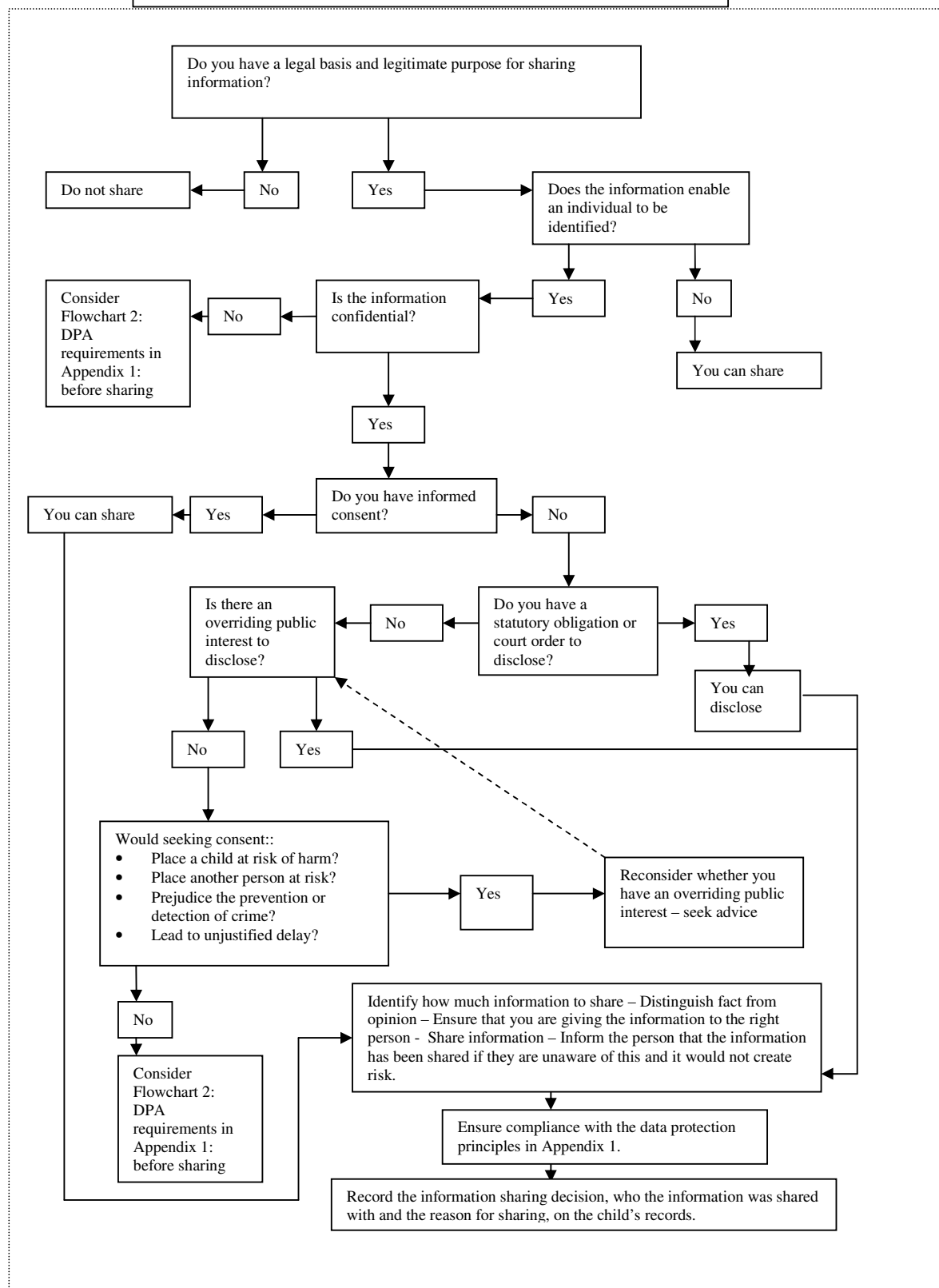
**Police (Emergencies only)** 999  
**Police Enquiry Unit** 0870 577 7444  
**National Child Protection Helpline 24hrs** 0808 800 5000

*Parental consent is not essential if child is deemed at risk. The child's best interests must be the overriding consideration. For more information on consent, see attached flowchart.*

For more guidance on Child Protection, please refer to the RSPGB publication at [www.rpsgb.org/pdfs/childprotectguid.pdf](http://www.rpsgb.org/pdfs/childprotectguid.pdf) or [www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/safeguarding](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/safeguarding)

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## FLOWCHART 1: CONFIDENTIALITY



<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/> and click on 'Cross Government Guidance – sharing Information on Children and Young People'

**FLOWCHART 2: This flowchart is not comprehensive but gives an overview of the main relevant provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, for the purposes of this guidance**

