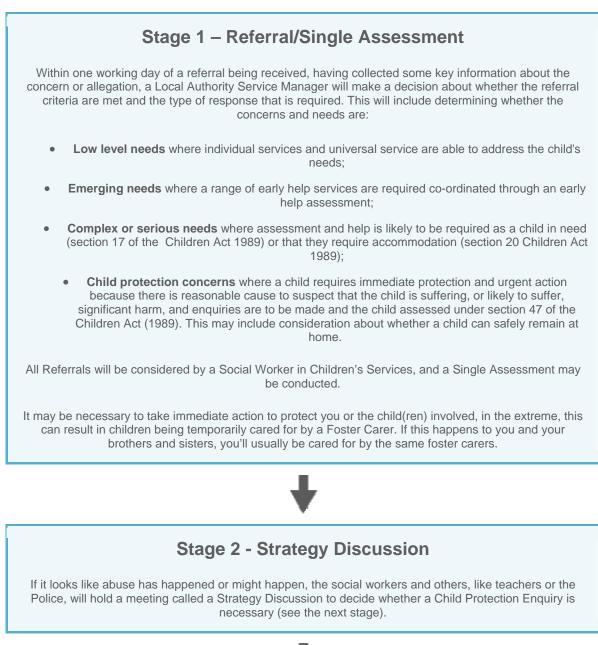
# **The Referral Process to Social Care**



The local authority (Children's Social Care) must take all reports (or Referrals) seriously.

This summarises the procedures that will be followed.





### **Stage 3 - Child Protection Enquiry**

If a Child Protection Enquiry is started, this will involve a Social Worker and the Police assessing the concerns or allegations, the Child(ren) and Parents will be involved in this process.



## **Stage 4 - Initial Child Protection Conference**

At the end of the Child Protection Enquiry, an Initial Child Protection Conference will be conducted, chaired by an Independent Manager.

You might be invited to this meeting.

#### You have rights too...

If you are unhappy about any aspect of the meeting, you should talk to the chair of the meeting to discuss your views. If you feel you haven't been properly informed or involved, seek advice from a Solicitor, the Citizens Advice Bureau or you can make a complaint. Ask your social worker or chair to explain the complaint process. If you have a complaint about your social worker or chair of the conference you can contact:

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