Pathway for Discharge Planning for a Child in hospital where there are safeguarding concerns

Significant Harm threshold met – Strategy Discussion

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- Child is admitted to hospital for further assessment

Medical assessment and intervention occur as necessary

Strategy meeting is re-convened if necessary

Safeguarding concerns are identified:
- Concerns arise while child is in hospital

Referral to MASH

Refer to allocated social worker of open case

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Progress to Assessment by Social Care

Initial Child Protection Conference if threshold met

No concerns identified - NFA

Discharge planning meeting is held when it is anticipated that the child will be fit for discharge within 24 - 48 hours

Post-discharge action as appropriate and agreed:
- Legal advice is sought in a timely way
- Placement from hospital is agreed and transport arrangements for this if necessary
- Contact arrangements with parents is agreed if the child is not returning home
- Timeframe for stay in hospital is agreed
- Professional visiting arrangements are agreed
- Post-discharge follow up medical and professional appointments for child / parents are agreed
- Contingency arrangements are agreed

Child is medically fit for discharge

Child is discharged when medically fit and it is safe to discharge

Early Help Assessment and Plan