

Some Cases to discuss inhouse:

1. Your pharmacist flags up that a repeat prescription for a 14 yr old , who is being treated for epilepsy has not been collected.
2. A receptionist notices a frazzled parent hit their 3 yr old in the waiting room. The child is inconsolable.
3. A receptionist has been scanning letters and brings to your attention that a child is being discharged from clinic for non- attendance.
4. Receptionist receives a letter requesting attendance at a review case conference for a child registered at the practice. They have registered 4 months and you were not aware there was concerns regarding safeguarding.

Possible template for considering child abuse/neglect

1. Do I need to consider the possibility of child abuse/neglect
2. Who am I worried about in this situation?
3. Based on the information I have so far, can I exclude the possibility of abuse ?
4. If no- do I have enough information to suspect abuse/neglect or do I need further information?
5. If I am considering abuse- look for more pieces of the jigsaw
6. If I suspect abuse- make clear and effective referral to Gateway team

Suggestions from RCGP Safeguarding toolkit