PROCESS MAP

Child or Young Person is to be a Witness in Court and requires therapeutic support

The child's social worker (SW) will liaise with
- The LA's legal advisor allocated
- The potential therapy provider
- The Police

SW / Senior Manager / referring Professional will liaise with the allocated Police Officer / Detective Inspector from the allocated Police Protection Unit

Do outstanding investigative matters advise against Commencement of therapy?

NO

YES

Allocated Police Officer liaises Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to determine CPS opinion on decision to proceed

Does the CPS think the therapy will impact negatively on the criminal proceedings?

YES

NO

Police Officer informs SW of expressed views and the decision is finalised as to proceeding with therapy or not

Therapy goes ahead.
SW:
- informs LA legal advisor
Police Officer:
- meets with therapy provider and provides details of case.
Police officer gives consideration to appropriateness of sharing child video interview with therapy provider.

Referral form

Following agreement for therapy, Police Officer prepares a summary of the allegations made by the young witness

Appendix A

Following agreement for therapy, SW / Referring professional prepares a summary of the allegations made by young witness

Appendix B

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                    │ SW makes therapist aware of │
                    │ care proceedings and gives  │
                    │ copies of Appendix A and    │
                    │ Appendix B to therapist     │
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                    │ Following receipt of the referral, the therapist │
                    │                must             │
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                    │  - undertake an assessment and will see the │
                    │     child and speak to parent / carer │
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                    │  - inform the child / young person and family │
                    │    that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed │
                    │    AND explain the circumstances where │
                    │    information from the sessions might be │
                    │              shared             │
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                    │ Therapist informs  │
                    │ SW over decision   │
                    │ regarding service  │
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Therapist accepts referral?

NO → Professional resolution & escalation procedure

YES → Therapy commences in accordance with conditions set out in this Protocol

After each session, irrespective of whether information relevant to allegations is made, therapist should complete Appendix C

After 6 sessions, need for therapy will be reviewed by SW, referring professional, therapist and Police.
This review will be convened by therapy provider

Appendix C

Therapist sends completed App C to Police Officer, who keeps a copy and sends a further copy to the CPS

CPS decides on disclosure of information to Defence

DISCLOSURE   NON-DISCLOSURE

END