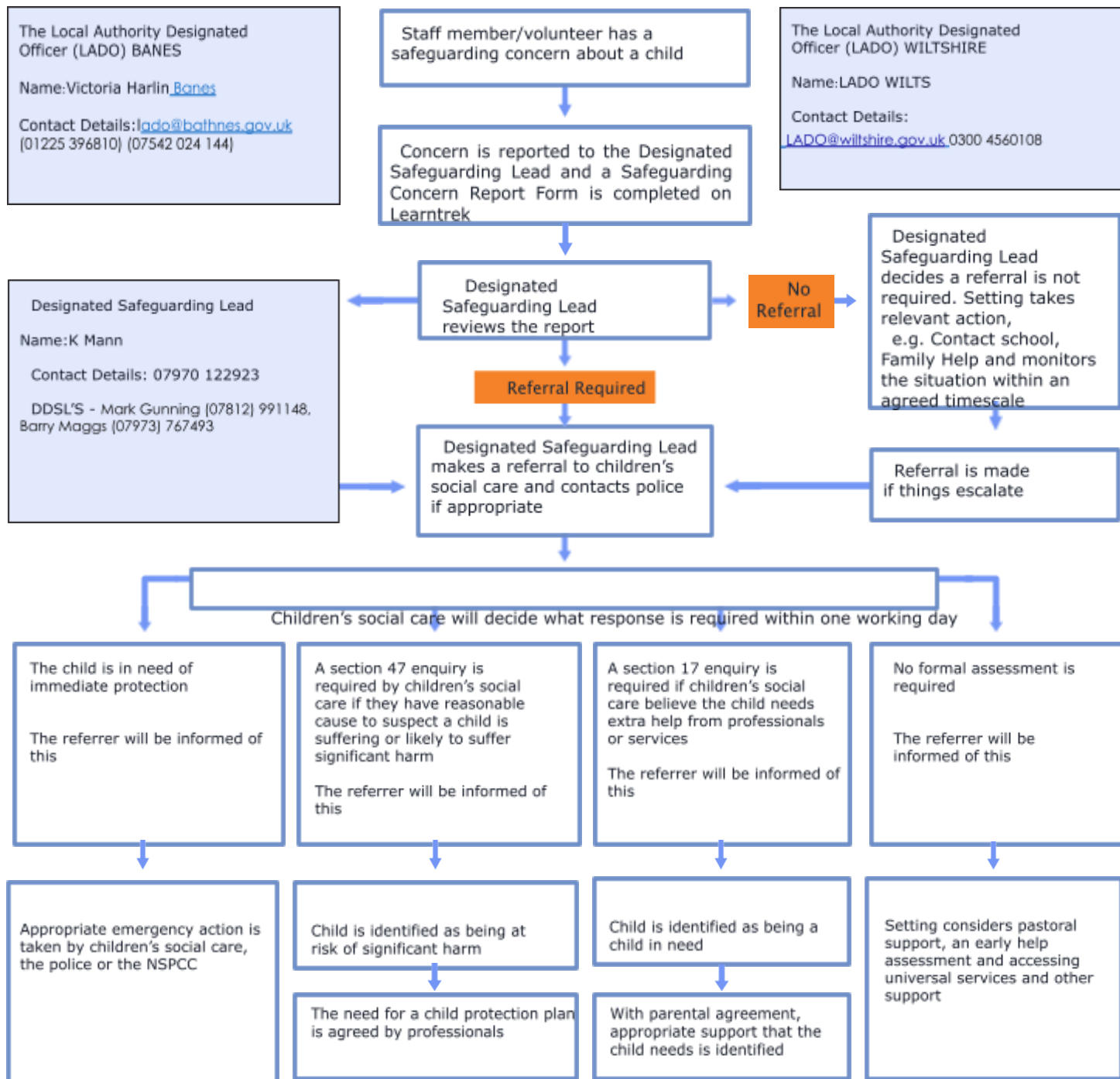


Flowchart of procedures for responding to safeguarding concerns



All concerns and correspondence will be kept in a secure, confidential file.
The child's circumstances will be kept under review at all stages and a referral will be made again if needs be. The child's best interests must always come first.

If the concern is about a staff member or volunteer working in your setting, the DSL should either refer it to the LADO (depending on the nature of the concern), contact the LADO for guidance or address the concern in line with internal policies and procedures.

If your concern would involve a Prevent/Channel referral, contact:
PreventSW@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Avon and Somerset Police Prevent Team: 0117 945 5539
National ACT Early Support Line: Call 0800 011 3764

If you have a concern that a child has undergone, or is about to undergo, Female genital mutilation (FGM), contact:
Emergency Services - 999
[NSPCC FGM Helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/08000283550) at 0800 028 3550