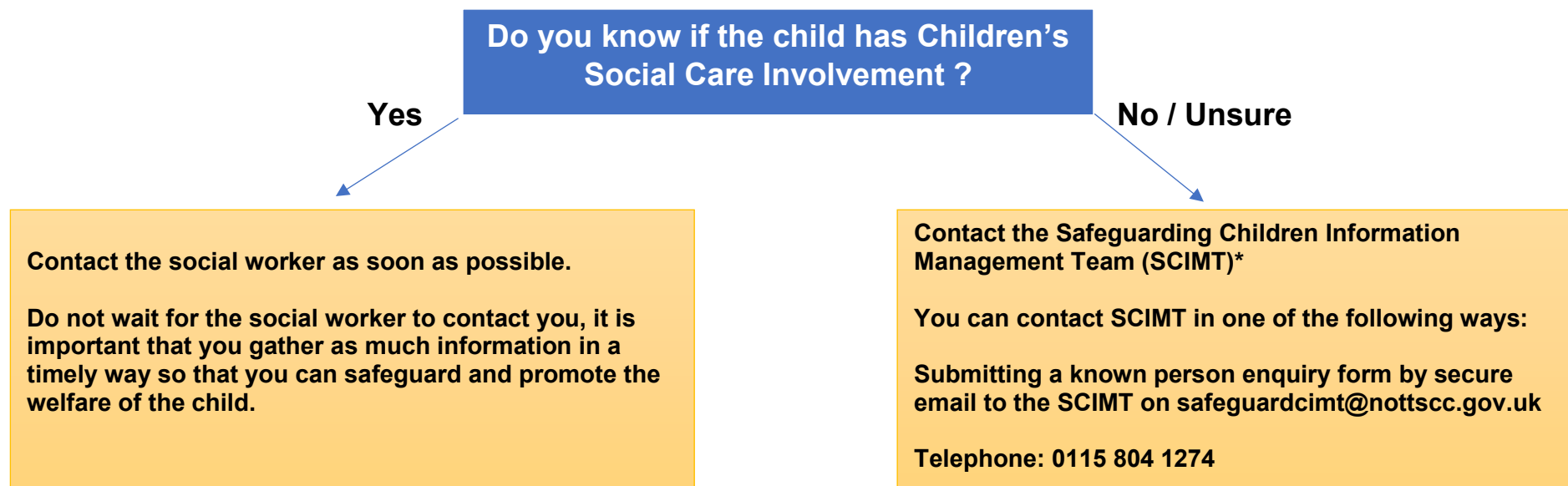


Contacting Children's Social Care

Information sharing is vital to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. A key factor identified in many serious case reviews has been a failure by practitioners to record information, to share it, to understand its significance and then take appropriate action.



The local authority will share the fact a child has a social worker, the designated safeguarding lead should hold and use this information so that decisions can be made in the best interests of the child's safety, welfare, and developmental outcomes. This should be considered as a matter of routine. There are clear powers to share this information under existing duties on both local authorities and early years providers to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

* SCIMT are a Business Support Team to enable sharing information between agencies to help to safeguard children. SCIMT are not able to disclose full information on any case. The Information that can be provided by SCIMT is:

- whether the person is known to Children's Social Care
- the name and contact details of the current social worker
- dates of when involvement started
- if any child in the household has been the subject of a child protection plan or is currently including dates and category of the plan
- if any domestic abuse incidents are recorded and if a particular adult is named as the perpetrator.

Should further information be required the enquiry will be passed on to the relevant Children's Social Care Manager.