

Child Abuse and Neglect Guide

Health and risk assessment

- Mental health assessment.
- Risk to other children.
- Co-occurrence of IPV.

Other important information

- Nature of the abuse, neglect or risk.
- The trend (↓↔↑).
- Are there adequate protectors present?
- Child's ability to protect her/himself?
- Agencies or support networks involved?
- Family engagement with those agencies?
- History of caregiver abusing children.
- Parent indifferent to child.
- Social stress, isolation or lack of support.
- Alcohol and/or drug misuse.
- Untreated mental illness.
- Young parents.

Safety planning/referral/follow-up

Child being harmed

- Report of concern to CYF (+/- Police) (always complete written ROC).
- Co-referral to other agencies as indicated.
- Case conference, multi-agency safety plan.
- Provide follow-up health care.

Child at risk (but not needing statutory response; **if unsure discuss with CYF**)

Referral options may include:

- children's teams
- specialist social service/parenting support
- specialist IPV service
- mental health
- alcohol and drug
- Well Child / Tamariki Ora
- iwi providers.