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| **Concerns for the Welfare of a Child – Children and Families Hub** | | | |
| **Children and Families Hub**  (for URGENT Child Protection Referrals) | 03456 037627 – ask for CFH Priority Referral Line  *(or out of hours number - 03456 061212)* | | [Emergency.DutyTeamOutOfHours@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Emergency.DutyTeamOutOfHours@essex.gov.uk) |
| **Children and Families Hub**  Advice and Support | 03456 037627 – ask for CFH Consultation Line | | |
| **Non-Urgent Child Protection Referrals** | | | [Essex Effective Support](mailto:ELS.Childadvice@essex.gov.uk) provides access to an online Request for Support portal. This website brings together in one place the Essex Directory of Services, guidance and tools to support practitioners in their work with children and families across Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Windscreen of Need |
| **Allegations or Concerns about adults working with / volunteering in the Children’s Workforce – Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)** | | | |
| If you receive a complaint or allegation about a member of staff or volunteer in the Children’s Workforce, contact Children’s Safeguarding Service | | 0333 013 9797  **(office hours only)** | [childrens.safeguarding@essex.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.safeguarding@essex.gov.uk) |
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