

CHILD PROTECTION – SUSPECTED CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT – EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

PROCEDURE[®]

DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- Management of suspected sexual assault differs depending on type of presentation – possible concern, disclosure, acute assault or referral from another hospital or agency. Refer to the Management Flowchart for details.
- Make contact early with the Child Protection Unit (CPU) Intake worker on call.

NOTE: For suspected physical abuse or neglect, please refer to SCHN Child Protection - Suspected Physical Abuse or Neglect – ED Management procedure.

CHANGE SUMMARY

- Document due for mandatory review: scope has changed from SCH ED to include CHW ED and SCH ED.

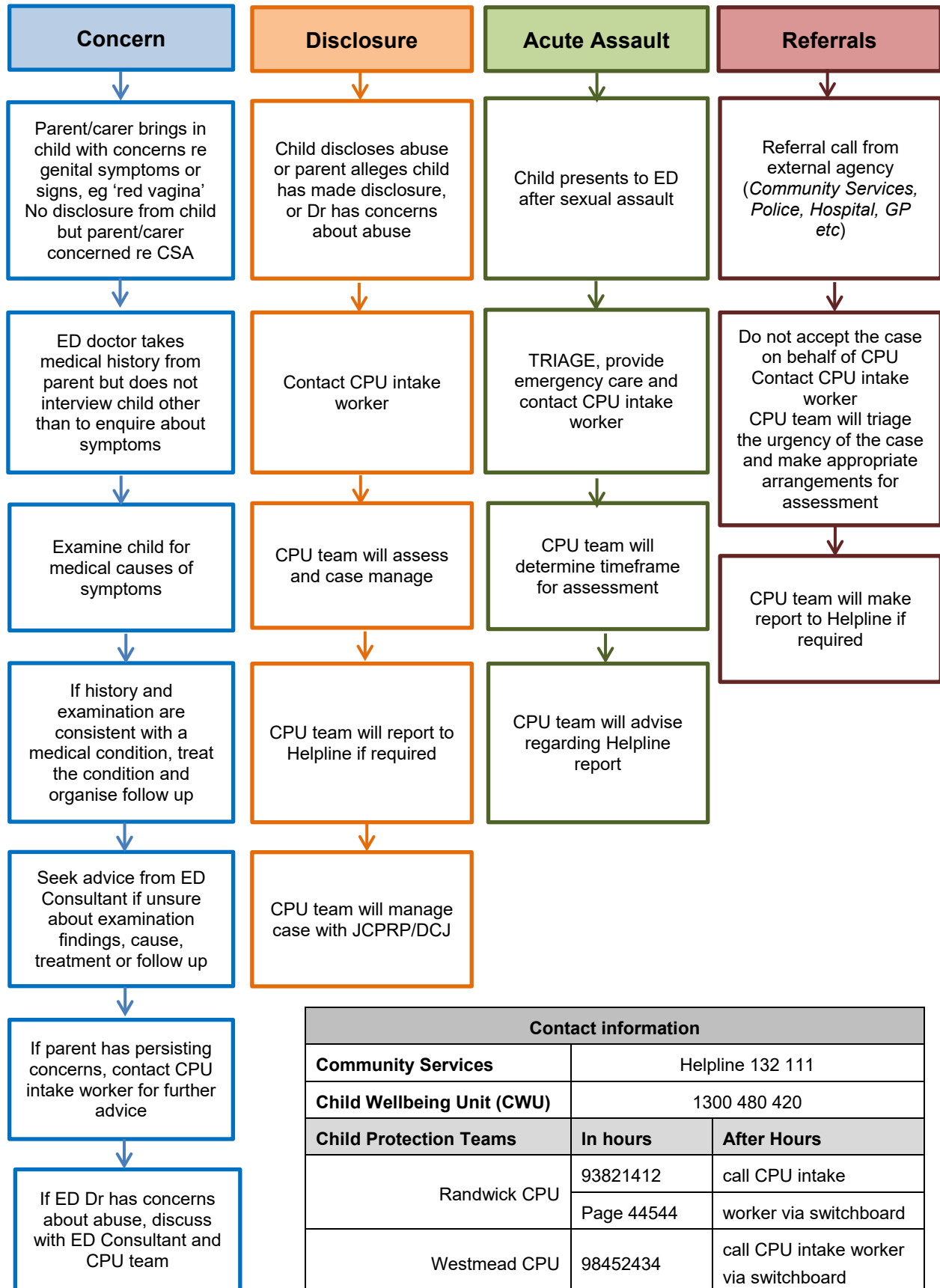
READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Staff from SCH and CHW Emergency Departments and Child Protection need to read and understand this document.

This document reflects what is currently regarded as safe practice. However, as in any clinical situation, there may be factors which cannot be covered by a single set of guidelines. This document does not replace the need for the application of clinical judgement to each individual presentation.

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Management Flowchart



Related Information

- **Child Wellbeing and Child Protection** (SCHN coversheet MoH PD2013_007 & GL2014_012): <http://webapps.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/epolicy/policy/4961>
- NSW Government Online **Mandatory Reporter Guide and e-Reporting** is available at: <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/>

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