

## \* Medical staff recognize a child protection case

Health workers receive and recognize a child protection case.

Signs of child protection concerns may include:

- Cuts
- Bruises
- Broken bones
- Injuries
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Adolescent pregnancy or
- Behavioral changes such as
- Change in eating & sleeping habits or
- Bed wetting, regression in development
- Children without an adult caregiver
- Children who are married
- Children who are engaged in dangerous work



## Medical staff should record case details.



Health workers record medical information in a confidential file according to standard operating procedures.

Health workers note any details shared, but do not investigate child protection cases.

## Child protection focal point receives a child protection case

Medical staff to use interagency referral form. Information is transferred to the child protection focal point in a confidential manner, with informed consent/assent.

The child protection focal point in your area is...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical staff follow up & Case worker feedback to medical staff

Information that health workers can expect to hear back:

- Information on further health or medical needs.
- Confirmation that the child is receiving on-going support.

Contact details for your local health worker:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

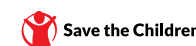
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Only medical information, no other details, should be shared with health worker by case worker.**

**Consent process must involve caregivers where they are present and trusted. You may act without informed consent/assent when it is in the child's best interests. Always consult with a child protection professional regarding any decision to breach confidentiality in the best interests of a child.**

## Child protection case management.

Case workers will assess the child's needs. They will then refer the child and their family for further services and will follow up on the case. This will include ongoing medical assistance, psychosocial support, shelter and safety, legal assistance, and other services as necessary.



**This tool is to be updated for each location. Identify and include the:**

**HEALTH FOCAL POINTS**



**CHILD PROTECTION FOCAL POINT**

