

PORTSMOUTH MASH

**On 2nd November 2015 the Joint Action team (JAT) as was is becoming a
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).**

The MASH is a team including Police, Health, Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding, Probation, Adult Social Care, Mental Health and others. The benefit is that they can share information quickly and make decisions as to the required level of intervention.

Support will still be available for an early help response for those who are working with our vulnerable families where CSCS threshold is not met.

Any concerns about a child should be shared with the MASH, the phone numbers remain 02392 688793 or 0845 671 0271.

CONTACT MASH if:

- You want to have an informal discussion about a family with an Early Help colleague. Make this clear when you make contact. This does not require family details and no record will be kept by MASH unless it is later agreed that a formal referral is required, although you may record on your own individual systems if appropriate. Without the exchange of sensitive personal information, consent is not a requirement.
- You have concerns about a family and you have their consent to share information with the MASH. If you do not have consent to share we cannot accept details of the family until you have obtained consent or unless the matter is an immediate Child Protection issue under the remit of S47 of The Children Act.
- You have immediate Child Protection concerns

You will be aware that the Haringey judgement 2013 reinforced the law that if a Contact is S47 information can be shared without consent, but, below this threshold consent must be obtained. A good test is whether sharing the information is **necessary, relevant & proportionate**.