



WHAT TO DO IF A CHILD TALKS ABOUT (DISCLOSES) ABUSE

The five **R**s

- Receive** the information. Listen carefully and only ask “open” questions
- Respond** to the child. Let him/her know what you are going to do next
- Report** the disclosure as soon as possible to the DSL ^{*} or Deputy DSL
- Refer** to Social Care without delay – the DSL should do this but if she/he is out of school, you should ensure someone else refers
- Record** accurately, the same day

^{*} The Designated Safeguarding Lead in your school

Read your child protection procedures

For further advice, contact MASH on: (01202) 228866 or
Safeguarding and Standards Team on: (01305) 221122.