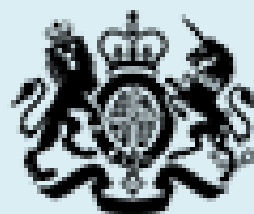


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REPORTING CHILD ABUSE MYTHBUSTER#1



MYTH

“Does reporting a child/family to ‘social services’ mean the child will be removed from their family immediately by social workers?”

FACT

“No. Sharing your concerns with a local authority does not mean a child will be automatically taken into care.”



Each of us has a role to play. If you're worried about a child,
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REPORTING CHILD ABUSE MYTHBUSTER#2

MYTH



“It’s only child abuse if there’s physical or sexual violence.”

FACT

“No. Child abuse also includes emotional abuse and neglect. Many children and young people who suffer from abuse are likely to experience more than one type.”



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REPORTING CHILD ABUSE MYTHBUSTER#3

MYTH



“People will know it is me that reported.”

FACT

“When you report to your local children’s social care team you will be asked for your details and can discuss if you’d prefer your details were kept private.”



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The neighbour who felt uneasy

You

The coach who noticed at practice

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YOU CAN BE THE MISSING PIECE

One of the biggest barriers to reporting child abuse is people's fear of the consequences of being wrong – and potentially breaking up a family.



The reality is that information is usually gathered from many sources, so any report made by a member of the public would simply form one part of a bigger picture. A small piece of information could be the missing piece needed though, so it is just as important.

We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people from child abuse and neglect.

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