Making the decision to share information when you have child protection concerns

Are you concerned that a child or young person is suffering, or at risk of, abuse or neglect?

- **Not sure**
  - Discuss with lead clinician/designated or named professional [para 43]

- **Yes**
  - Has the discussion led to the view that the child or young person may be suffering, or at risk of, abuse or neglect? [para 44]
  - **Yes**
    - Is sharing the information without consent justified in the public interest? (paragraphs 35 to 37)
    - **No**
      - Seek consent to share the relevant information with the appropriate agency [paras 35 and 44]
      - **No**
        - Do you require further information to decide whether there is a risk? [para 43]
        - **No**
          - Keep the welfare of the child or young person under review [para 45]
        - **Yes**
          - Share the relevant information with an appropriate agency. [paras 32, 39-40, 44 and 44]
      - **Yes**
        - Has consent been given?
        - **No**
          - Is sharing the information without consent justified in the public interest? [paras 35 to 37]
        - **Yes**
          - Tell the people about whom information has been shared what has been shared, and with whom, unless doing so would put the child or young person, or anyone else at increased risk of harm. [paras 35 and 38]

- **No**
  - **Not sure**
  - Keep the welfare of the child or young person under review [para 45]