The Greater Manchester Children’s Safeguarding Board Self-Harm Pathway (under 18s only)

This pathway is to be used by Child Protection / Safeguarding Officers, following an incident or allegation of self-harm, to ensure that current practice is in line with the Greater Manchester-wide child protection procedures

| Self-harm has occurred or intent to self-harm has been expressed. |
| Ensure appropriate medical attention has been sought, including psychiatric/psychological assessment. |

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Where a young person attends a hospital Emergency Department due to self-harm, it is the hospital’s responsibility to carry out an assessment.

Where the young person’s self-harm does not necessitate medical treatment, staff can still contact CAMHS (the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) [under 16] and the Access team [16+] for advice.

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Consider if there is significant harm at every stage of this process

**Yes**

Refer to Children’s Social Care
Follow up within 24 hours with a completed Safeguarding Referral Form

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**Unsure**

Contact other relevant agencies to gather/share relevant information
Seek advice from own agency safeguarding lead/manager
Seek advice from Children’s Social Care
Make accurate records.

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**No**

Concerns regarding significant harm substantiated

Referral accepted by Children’s Social Care and Safeguarding procedures are implemented

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Strategy discussion convened and chaired by Children’s Social Care
Appropriate representatives attend

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No concerns regarding significant harm

Consider early intervention (pre-assessment checklist / CAF Early Help Process)
Follow CAF / Early Help process if warranted
Consider Child in Need

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