*[[Handout to accompany ppt presentation - to be customised by each dept]]*

**Child protection in our ED: identify, consult, respond**

* Consideration of a child’s safety and wellbeing is an important part of every consultation.
* A child at risk may not be in the department – think about what’s going on behind the scenes. Consider reviewing the child and family member’s (e.g. older sibling’s) medical records for background & possible past concerns or similar presentations and or contacting other professionals known to the family (e.g. parent’s mental health clinician, child’s school).

Always take things further if you’re worried. **The 5 steps are:**

1. Discuss the case with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *(insert title of appropriate staff member)*
2. Use the online NSW [Mandatory Reporter Guide](https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/) to determine whether to make a report.
3. If directed to make a report, call the Helpline on 132 111 for urgent cases or make an online report.
4. If directed to call the NSW Health Child Wellbeing Unit on 1300 480 420 8:30 am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. If after hours leave a message or eReport from the MRG outcome screen and the CWU will follow up on the next business day.
5. Decide what other help this family needs right now.