



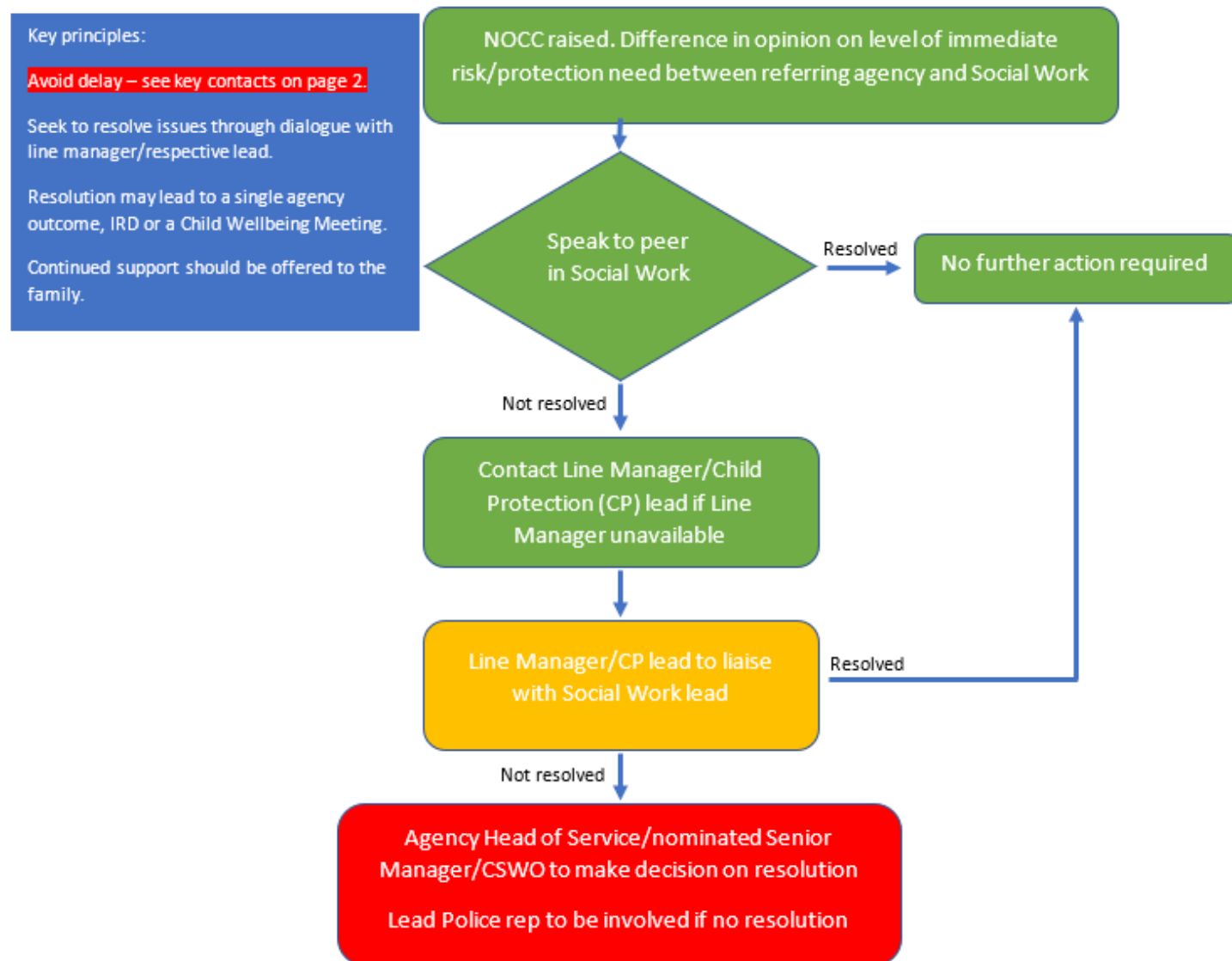
FIFE CHILD PROTECTION ESCALATION PROCESS

A referral to Social Work raising concerns about the immediate protection of, or significant harm to a child, should lead to a NOCC (Notification of Concern) that will inform a decision around the need for an IRD (same day) if in office hours. NOCCs relating to immediate protection concerns outside of office hours will be responded to by the Police and out of hours social work service.

This time standard applies, even when there has been an accumulation of concerns, which has resulted in a NOCC raising concerns regarding immediate protection/significant harm.

If having raised a NOCC, you do not feel the necessary action/decision has been made and the child remains in need of immediate protection/ significant harm, you need to escalate your concerns.

IF A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION PHONE POLICE ON 999 -DO NOT DELAY



There will always be difference in professional opinions around risk/harm and interventions. This process ensures that in the event of difference in opinion around immediate protection /significant harm, professional concerns can be escalated.



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It is critical that we build up confidence in the process and are open to dialogue. There will be learning from this escalation process that will be captured and fed back into single agency and partnership learning/practice.

In the very rare situations, relating to life or death situations the **Police (999)** should be called in the first instance.

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