Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Children Partnership

Operation Encompass - Flowchart

Start: Receive Operation Encompass Alert (before 09:00)

Information sharing Police → DSL (detailed info)

- Summary of incident (SAF)
- Child/family details checked
- Key safeguarding info (risk, bail, arrests, location)
- Investigation status
- Positives (e.g. protective parent)

Information sharing DSL → Police

- Whether the child is in school
- Whether parent/child has disclosed
- Attendance & behaviour
- Parental engagement
- Collection arrangements

DSL records & shares key info

- Log on safeguarding system
- Inform teacher/key worker who will undertake a welfare check on the child
- Share relevant info only (need to know)
- Highlight any immediate risks

Assess Level of Need and Risk

- Use police information & school knowledge
- Consider immediate and ongoing needs
- Identify appropriate support required

Provide support in school (based on identified needs above)

- Trusted adult check in
- Emotional support available
- Contact parent to offer support, discuss changes in arrangements
- Adjust routines if needed (e.g. collection)

Decision Making

Are risks escalating or needs unmet?

Yes

Escalate safeguarding response

- Early Help referral OR
- MASH referral (single contact form)
- Use police & school evidence

Information shared with wider agencies

- Police share relevant info via MASH
- May contribute to MARAC
- New offences flagged and reviewed

Monitor, Review and Update Records (Ongoing)

No

Continue support and monitor

- Ongoing observation of wellbeing
- Record any changes or concerns