

In your reflective activity, you should have covered all of these points:

- Your actions meet the standards expected of a social service worker.
- You understand the need to take immediate action when you or others observe signs of harm, or when a child has told someone about harm.
- You recognise the signs that may indicate that a child has been, or is in danger of being, harmed or abused.
- You monitor significant changes in a child's emotional or physical health, personal appearance or behaviour.
- You have a good understanding of legal requirements, local procedures and your own accountability where there are concerns that a child has been, or is in danger of being, harmed or abused.
- You follow required procedures for reporting concerns about the welfare of a child and any actions, behaviours or situations that may lead to harm or abuse.
- You recognise and respect the roles and expertise of workers from other professions and work in partnership with them. You demonstrate understanding of the role of different agencies and the central place of multi-agency working in the safeguarding of children.
- You keep detailed, accurate, timed, dated and signed records about any changes, events or occurrences that cause concern.
- You recognise that you are responsible for the work you have delegated to others.
- You reflect on your own behaviour and values to ensure they do not contribute to situations, actions or behaviour that may be harmful or abusive.
- You know that you should always ask for assistance if you don't feel well enough prepared to deal with a matter at work, or are unsure of how to proceed.
- It is important to you to continually develop your own practice through reflection and learning. You have up-to-date knowledge of the SSSC Codes of Practice and National Occupational Standards on promoting the safeguarding of children and young people.