

# All health workers must respond to child protection and wellbeing concerns



## TAKE ACTION:

### IDENTIFY

- Be alert to signs of possible child abuse, neglect, family violence and prenatal harm
- Consider adult health issues that may affect parenting capacity

### CONSULT

- Discuss your concerns with your colleagues or manager
- Use the online NSW Mandatory Reporter Guide to inform initial decision making
- Contact the NSW Health Child Wellbeing Unit for further advice **1300 480 420**

### RESPOND

- Continue to provide health services and work with the family
- Contact other professionals working with the child/young person/family - PD2013\_007 *Child Wellbeing and Child Protection Policies and Procedures for NSW Health* (see Section 6)
- Report suspected Risk of Significant Harm to the **Child Protection Helpline 132 111**
- Speak to the **NSW Health Child Wellbeing Unit** about referral options

Ensure your mandatory child protection training is current on My Health Learning

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies>