

Child Protection Sub Working Group

30 March 2022

Agenda 30 March

- Child protection concerns identified by members
- Presentation on the Referral Pathways on child protection
- Update on cash-based interventions in child protection programs in the Ukraine response in Poland
- FAQs – feedback
- Coordination AOB (ToRs, etc.)

Coordination related

- TORs drafted inputs awaiting from members – by tomorrow – to be finalized this Friday and circulated
- Translation of resources:
 - Referrals to Family Courts
 - List of Family Courts
- Mou between GoP and GoU is finalized and was circulated – if policy changes take place – will inform

Child protection risks and concerns

- **Separation of children**
 - Challenges in identification and documentation of children at risk/ UASC
 - Limited awareness of support and appropriate referral pathways
- **Challenges of parents and caregivers to adequately care**
 - Guidance on how to support children with distress
 - Single parents with limited information on where to access support for child care
 - Limited reluctance to access services anticipating return
- **Risk of trafficking of children from borders and reception sites**
 - Regional approach to children on the move
 - Racking, identification and referrals and RFL
 - Potential risks of teenage boys/ young adults (18+) to return to Ukraine and being recruited/ pendular movements ongoing
- **Risk of GBV against children**
- **High levels of distress/ MHPSS needs amongst children and caregivers**
- **Heightened risk of children with disability**
- **Limited awareness on child-friendly procedures** and child protection risks at borders and of other stakeholders
 - Limited knowledge of large number of volunteers on child safeguarding and child protection
- **Timely enrolment to education**
 - Risk of adolescents to drop out of school
 - Limited number of teachers and infrastructure
 - Children/ adolescents accessing online education through MoE in Ukraine (need for online spaces where children access internet-based platforms)
- **Risk of increasing host community tensions**

Child protection needs assessment

- Limited data on number of children at risk/ UASC in Poland and locations of residence and assistance of children being hosted by family-based care
- Limited knowledge on the capacity of the national system to cater for large number of children in need of CP services
- Access to information on children with disabilities
- Need for child protection assessment evident
 - Key ask from members: *any agency undertake an assessment, please inform the CP SWG co-chairs (UNHCR/UNICEF and FDDS) at the planning stage and upon finalization; outcomes to be made available for sectors*

Referral Pathways for children at risk and unaccompanied or separated refugee children

- Important tool in the coordination of a response to ensure timely and efficient response to children at risk including UASC of all actors (not only CP actors)
- Development of a simple template to be used to document:
 - Overall roles and responsibilities in Poland
 - Actors activities and involvement for case management/ non-case management programs



Referrals in case of abuse or inadequate care

Family and Guardianship Code

Criminal Code

Act on counteracting domestic violence

Act on social services

Act on juvenile delinquency proceedings

Suspicion of abuse by employee/volunteer

Suspicion of abuse by parent/carer

Suspicion of abuse by a minor

Anaccompanied or separated child

Crime

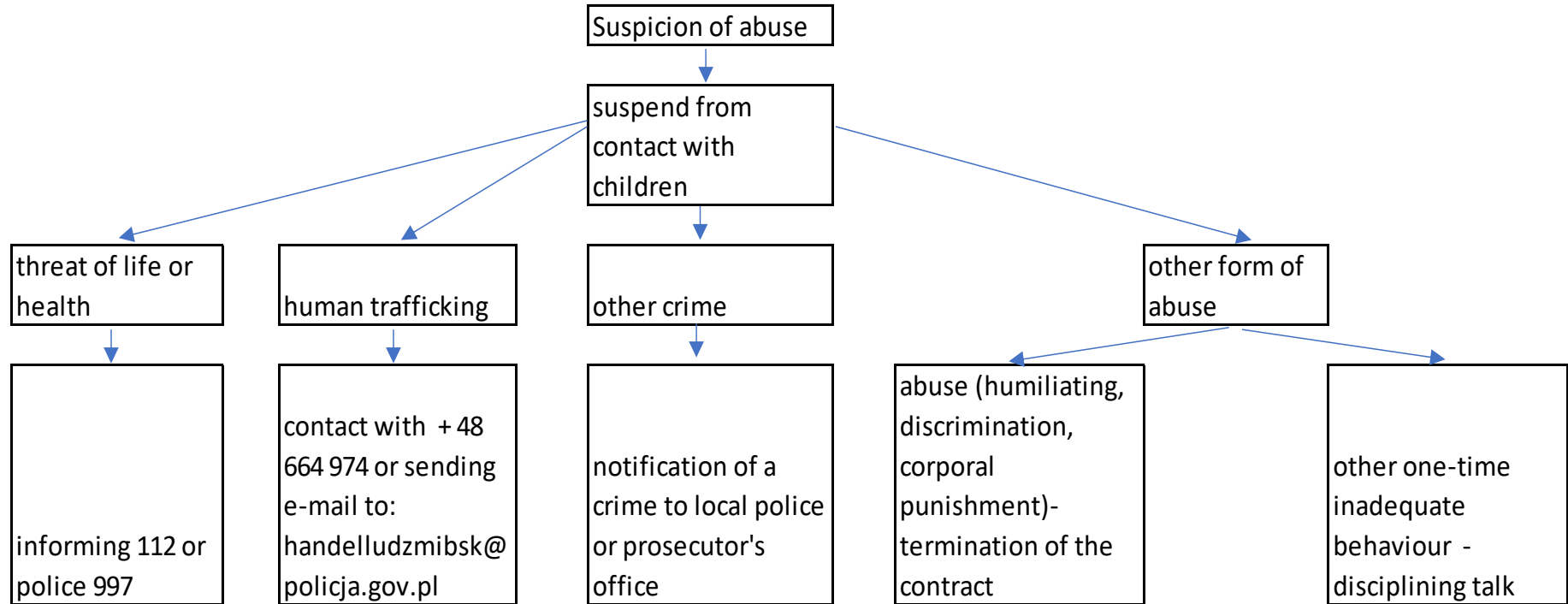
Criminal offence

Abuse

Inadequate behaviour

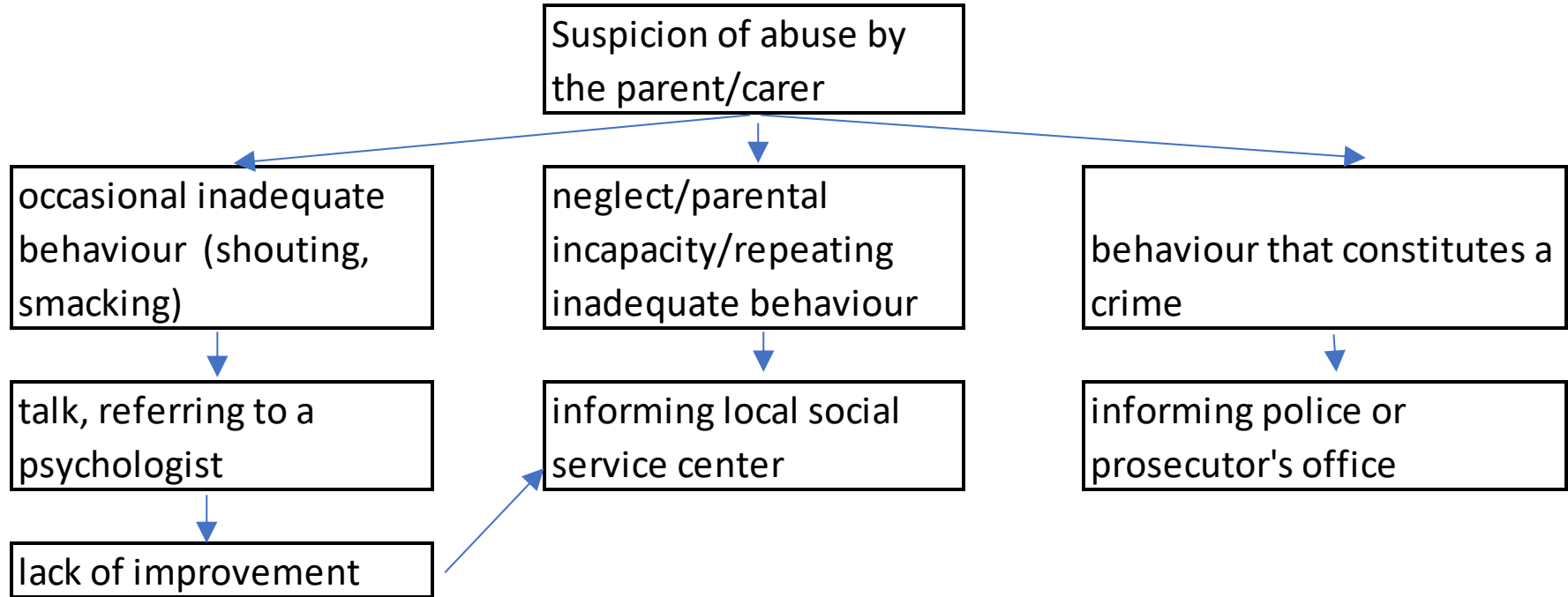


Abuse by employee or volunteer



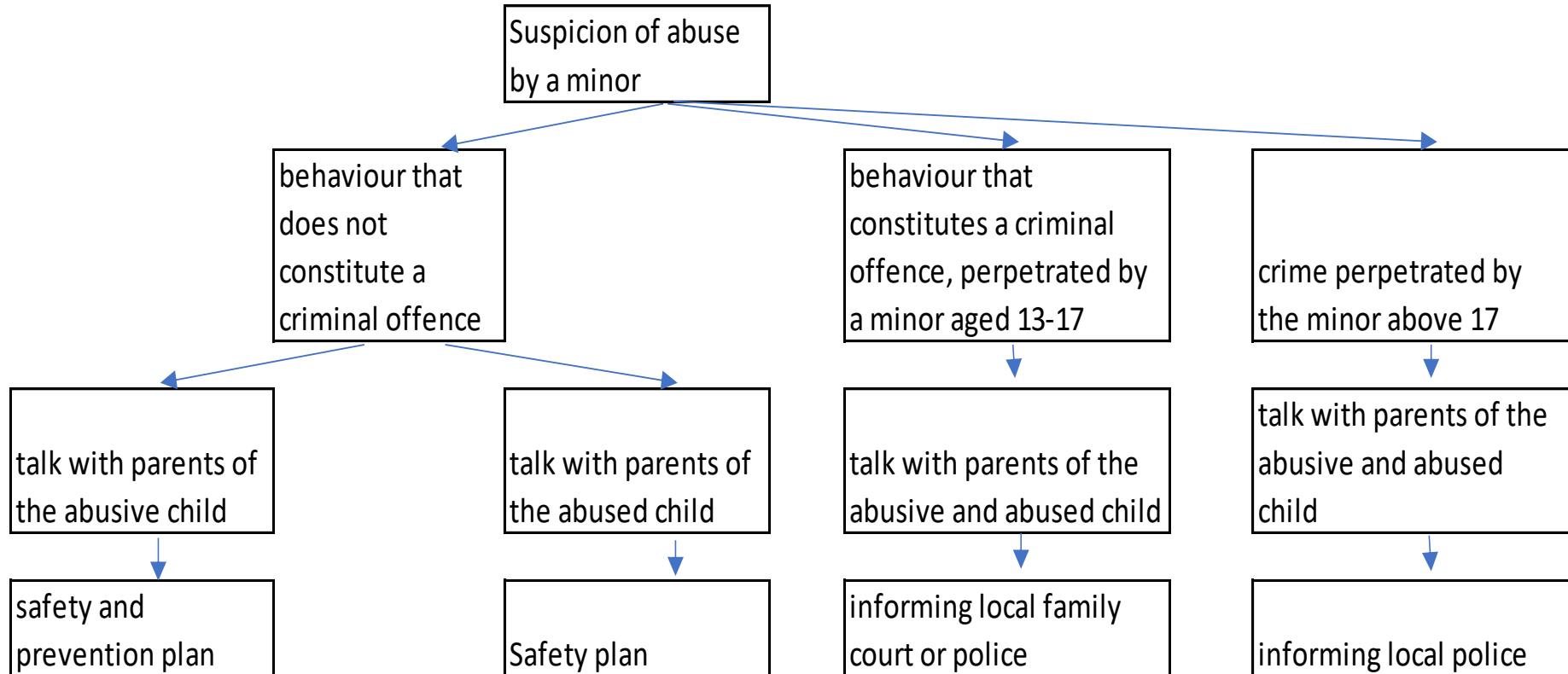


Abuse by a parent/carers





Abuse by a minor



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Unaccompanied or separated children

unaccompanied or
separated minor



securing safety



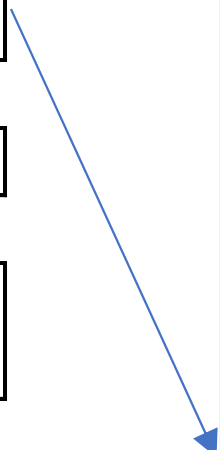
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needs



information to the
Family Court



Court appoints a
temporary guardian



**Team for evacuation of
unaccompanied children**

Tel. 532 402 575,
ewakuacjadicieci@mrips.gov.pl

Team for places for children

Tel. 666 383 956,
miejscadladzieci@mrpis.gov.pl



800 100 100

**telefon dla rodziców i nauczycieli
w sprawie bezpieczeństwa dzieci**



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Referral Pathways – Way forward

- Process of compiling generic referral pathways
- Specific referral pathways to Blue Dots and access to services
- Timeline:
 - next week initial template and generic by beginning of April
 - Blue Dots is live document as they are in process of development

UNHCR's cash program

- Presentation of the cash/ registration program

Cash-based intervention in Child Protection

- Drafting a guidance document for Poland on cash for unaccompanied/ separated children
 - 2 pager on guidance on how to mainstream child protection in any CBI program
 - Guidance mainly around unaccompanied children:
 - Children can be included but only if linked to CM procedures
 - In line with GoP instructions, all unaccompanied and separated children require a legal guardian to be appointed by the Family Court
 - UASC should be receiving cash through the appointed caregiver

Identification for UASC at Blue Dots

- As of 30 March, 147 separated and unaccompanied children were identified (6.4% of all children registered are UASC)
 - DoA: 26 in Feb and 121 in March
 - Sex: 90 girls and 57 boys
 - Age:
 - 0-4 = 11 children
 - 5-11 = 57 children
 - 12-17 = 78 children

AOB

- Q&A