**Role of Local Authority Social Worker at the Lighthouse**

**During the referral process:**

* Request anonymous consultations and/or advice on cases which there may be concerns about CSA or where they are considering a referral to the Lighthouse.
* Ensure that the Lighthouse is invited to Initial or Review strategy meetings.
* Ensure that the child and family understand the services at the Lighthouse, why they are being referred and understand the Lighthouse the Health and Wellbeing Initial Assessment process.
* Ensure that child and family have given meaningful consent for the Lighthouse services including consent to share the social care assessment information. Ensure that they understand that the Lighthouse assessments will be shared with their social worker.
* Complete the Lighthouse referral from and attach the chronology, strategy minutes, 87a, C&F/pathway plan and any previous medical reports.

**Post Referral:**

* Social Worker will attend the Health and Wellbeing Initial Assessment at 10.00am to meet with the team for a professional preparation meeting. This key meeting plans the scope of the assessment, identifying priorities and roles in the assessment and ensuring the Lighthouse team know about the children's social background, current risks and social work involvement.
* If the case is in the process of being closed to social care at the time of referral to the Lighthouse, the Local Authority social worker who has been involved with the family will be expected to attend the initial assessment appointment.
* Social Worker will identify the safe carers in the child's network who the Lighthouse can support to help the child's recovery in their home and community.
* If attending for an ABE interview, social worker attends with the child, carers and police. This will include a professionals planning and pre-assessment meeting and a professionals debrief afterwards.
* The Lead Practitioner at The Lighthouse will work closely with the social worker updating on the progress of the Lighthouse work, feeding back outcomes verbally and in writing. The Lead Practitioner will be working in partnership supporting the social care plan through engaging with the CiN, CP and LAC Care Planning and reviews.