**Guidance for professionals receiving allegations**

**from children against professionals outside of your organisation**

Child makes an allegation about a professional in an alternative organisation.

Professional in receipt of allegation must:

Inform child’s parent,

Report via 101 to the Police,

Inform LADO by phone or e mail,

lado@rochdale.gov.uk



Police Officer will refer the Incident and information immediately to EHASH for screening and will ensure relevant crime recording, if appropriate.

A joint visit between Police EHASH Officer and Children’s Services will be undertaken, to speak to the child within 24 hours of the allegation being made. Parents should be fully involved.

If the child confirms a crime has occurred and there is CCTV available this should be seized by police immediately, irrespective of parental support.

Criminal Investigation allocated to a Detective for progression – assault on a child by professional. Investigation progresses until outcome known and LADO kept up to date throughout.

Allegations Management strategy meeting will be held within 5 working days of the allegations being made, Detective dealing with the case to attend.