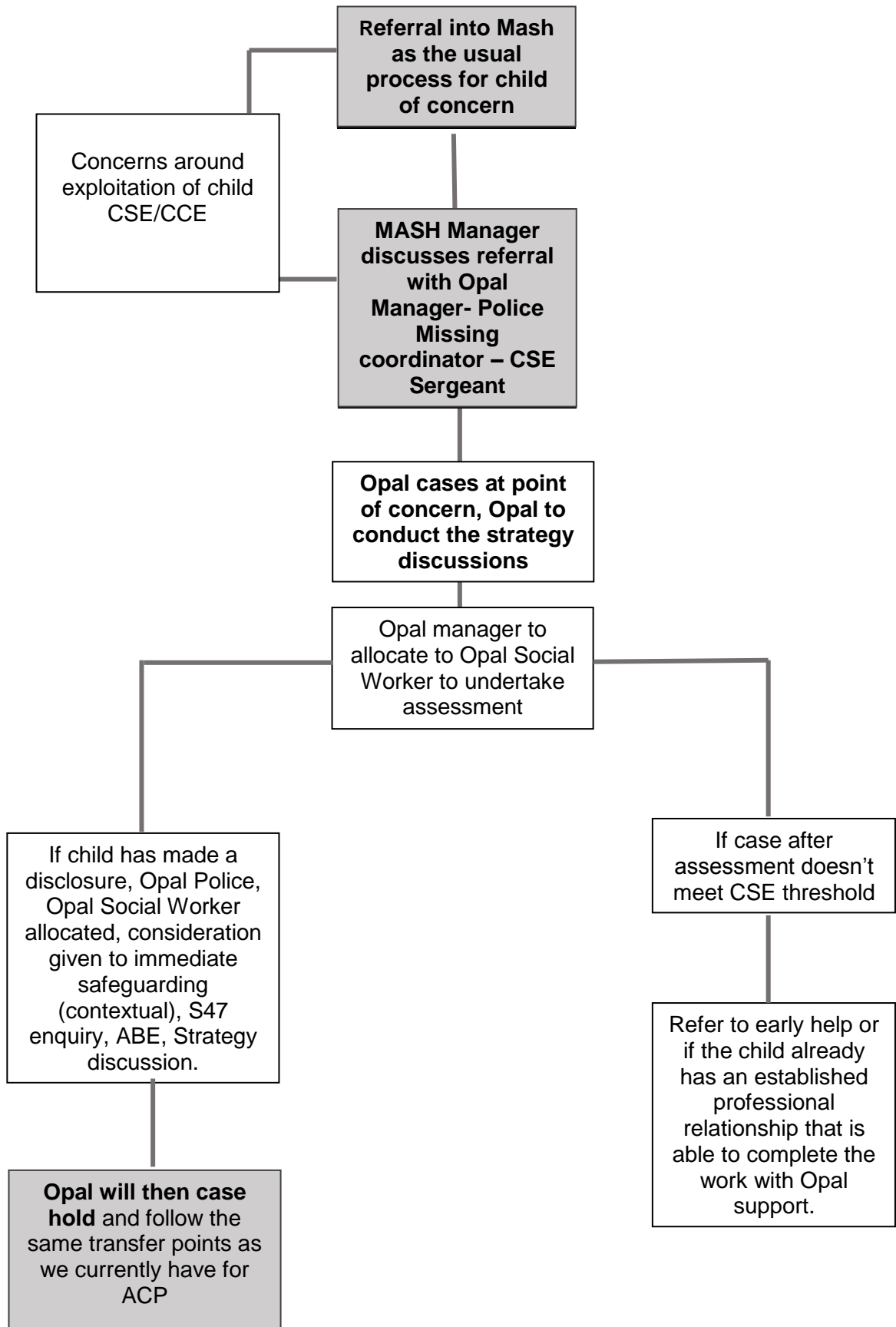


## REFERRAL PROCESS FOR OPAL



<b>Issues to consider, decision made to where the case sits;</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>In Manager absence.</b> The case would already be in the Opal team and therefore case responsibility in the manager's absence would remain within the team as in other case holding teams.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Parental capacity regarding DA, Parental substance misuse, mental health. CIN/CP.</b> This would be worked by the Opal Social Worker as the parenting capacity and family environmental factors will be part of the assessment / risk identification/ safety planning. The push /pull factors are part of the family environment and the assessment will ascertain whether the parents are able to safeguard, protect and support the child / YP to divert from presenting behaviours alongside the professionals.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Siblings in Family, who to assess', joint work.</b> The case would be worked by the Opal Worker. The intervention work with the subject would be based on prevention, reducing risk and educating etc Where work with any siblings (age appropriate) would be to first ensure parenting capacity is not compromising their safety and if not, then looking to support and educate the siblings around CE / gangs / serious youth crime etc. This process is to be delivered by DCT if there is a child with a disability in the family subject of the referral, then they will take the case and siblings and work the case focusing on the individual needs of the subject child but also recognising the holistic needs of the siblings and family unit.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Siblings - joint work with longer Term Social Worker around either joint work or transfer from Opal case holder to long term team?</b> As above. The case would be held by the Social Workers in the Opal Team and follow the same transfer points as we currently have for ACP

**In respect of the MASH process it would look like:**

- Referral (RF1) or notification (PPD1) into Mash as the usual process for child of concern.
- Concerns around exploitation of child CSE etc identified by MASH Screening.
- MASH discussion with Opal Manager - CSE Sergeant.
- Open case at point of concern and then creation of referral.
- Opal to conduct the strategy discussion if assessed as Level 4.
- Opal Manager to allocate to Opal Social Worker to undertake assessment if assessed as Level 3.