**Safeguarding Children to whom illness is fabricated or induced**

Children who have had illness fabricated or induced require co-ordinated help from a range of agencies. Joint working is essential and at Home-Start Wyre Forest we must be :

* Alert to the potential indicators
* Be alert to the risk of harm the abuser may pose to the child
* Share and help analyse information so informed assessment can be made
* Contribute to actions and services
* Assist in providing relevant evidence in any criminal proceedings

**As a HSWF Volunteer consider the following :**

* How would you feel if your Co-ordinator discussed a family where there were unproven concerns regarding this type of abuse ?
* What would you do if you noticed indicators of this abuse while supporting a family?
* Do you think there will be considerations with reporting and referring this type of abuse which may not apply to other forms of abuse ?