



CPA – Child Protection Act

All members of the public and the officials in all areas of the system: health care, education, social services and protection, justice, have the obligation to make an alert to the competent entities. The alerts regarding child abuse and neglect are made orally or in writing to the child protection bodies: the Child Protection Department, the regional police directorate or the regional prosecution office.

CPO- Child Police Officer

CPD – Child Protection Department

RPD – Regional Police Directorate

RPO - Regional Prosecution Office

LADV- Law against Domestic Violence

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According to the UNICEF Bulgaria research report (2008):

- Although the Child Protection Act and its implementing regulations providing a basis for establishing a system for monitoring institutional responses to violence against children, yet often the absence of clear referral mechanisms between the different child protection bodies and their effective implementation remain a challenge for ensuring quality management of cases of child victims of violence. Additionally, not all institutions and sectors have internal mechanisms for monitoring their staff's performance in the case of responding to cases of violence against children.
- The study identified the health and educational sector as less sensitive to the cases of violence against children. Further capacity building and normative regulation are therefore needed for these two sectors to stimulate an adequate response.