

CONNECTIONS Bulletin

SCR Reports and Referrals to a Local Multi-Disciplinary Team

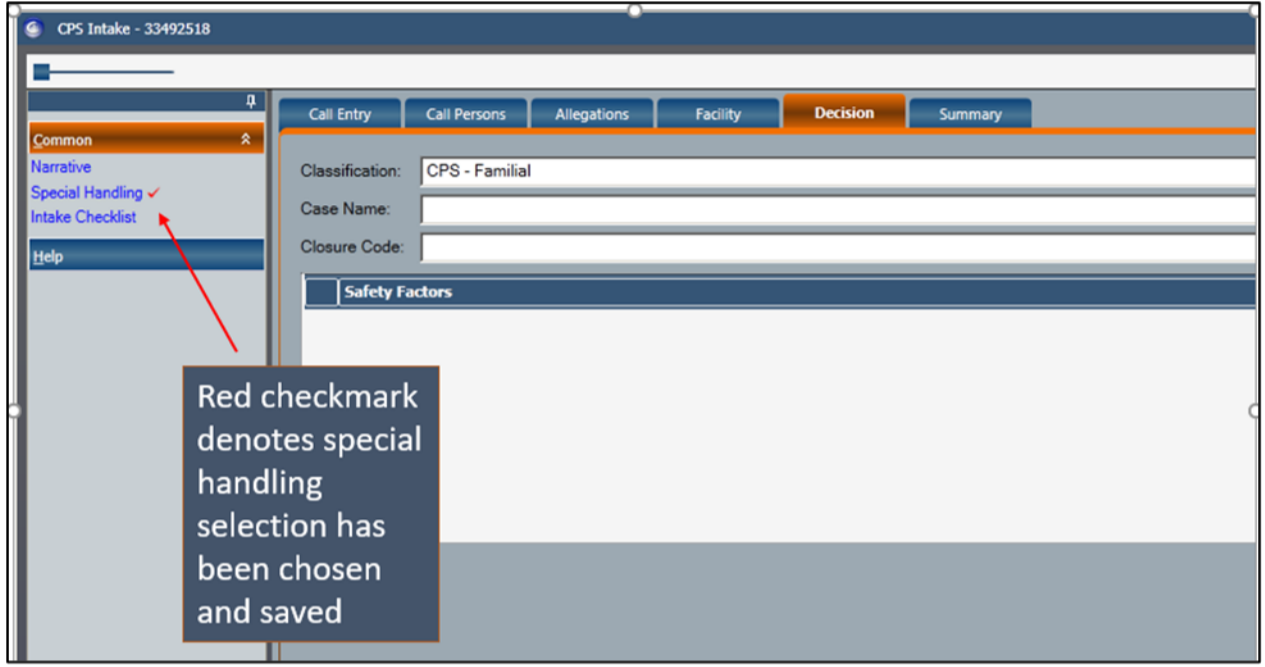
Local Child Protective Services (LCPS) is required to forward all SCR reports alleging abuse to their local Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). LCPS is also required to review and as appropriate forward certain reports alleging maltreatment to their local MDT.

The Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) has recently begun a robust quality assurance drive to ensure LCPS are notified when a report of alleged child maltreatment is received that meets the conditions required for LCPS to review for possible referral to their local MDT. These conditions are:

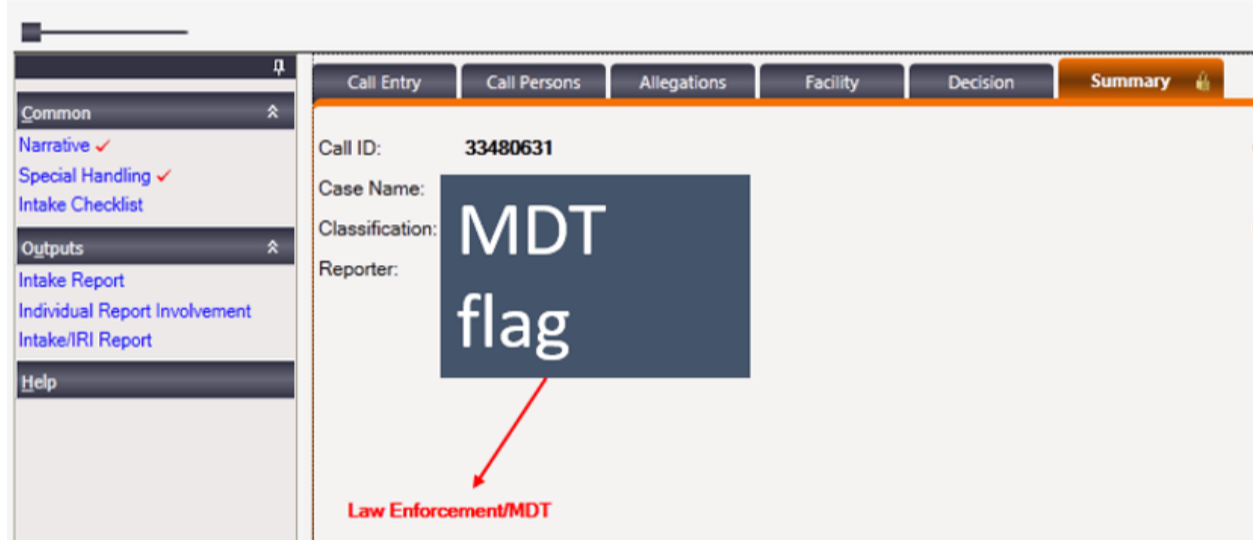
1. The report is called in by a mandated reporter
2. A physical harm allegation is used
3. A subject or one of the children is listed in 2 or more prior SCR reports within the past 6 months

When the above three conditions are met the SCR will flag the report by selecting “Law Enforcement/MDT” in the Special Handling Window.

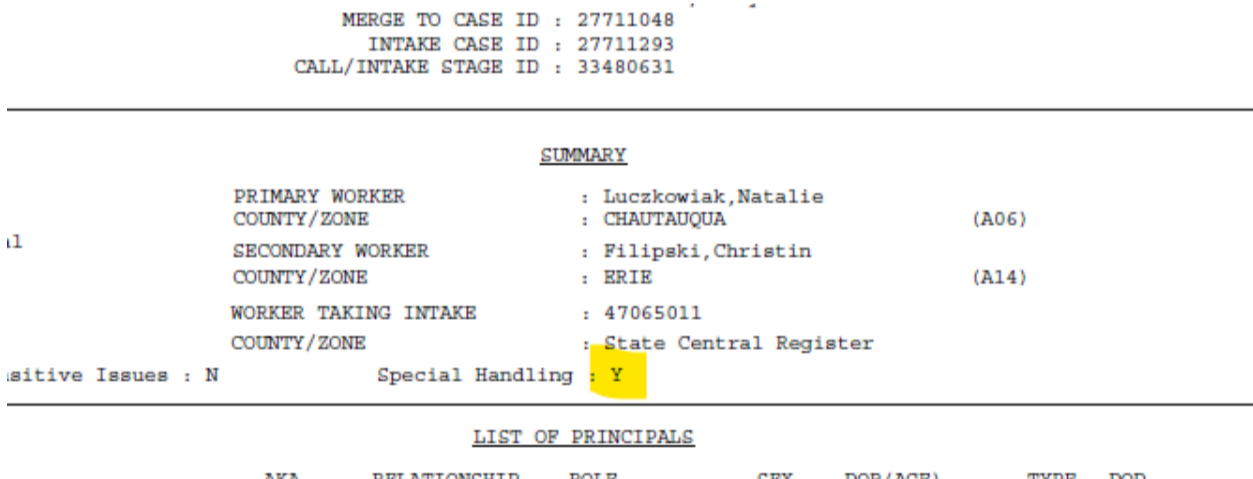
A red checkbox will now appear next to Special Handling:



The summary screen of the intake report will be marked with Law Enforcement/MDT in red text:



And finally, the printed intake report will have a Y next to the Special Handling Field:



As part of the SCR’s robust quality assurance program if an SCR report is reviewed and it is determined an MDT flag should have been placed on the report and wasn’t, an Additional Information report will be sent to LCPS to record the MDT properly in CONNECTIONS. There is no change to the pertinent Administrative Directive (ADM) and Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) or how LCPS should adhere to their responsibilities as outlined in the ADM and LCM.

Please note the SCR only flags reports alleging maltreatment that meet the 3 conditions. **All** SCR Reports alleging the child has been **abused** should be referred by LCPS to their local MDT and are therefore not specially flagged in CONNECTIONS.

Policy guidance regarding LCPS’s responsibilities regarding MDT referrals are outlined in 06-OCFS-ADM-08 and 10-OCFS-LCM-09. You may copy and paste the following URL’s into your web browser to read these documents:

https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/OCFS_2006/ADMs/06-OCFS-ADM-08%20CPS%20Investigations%20with%20Multi-Disciplinary%20Teams-Law%20Enforcement%20Chapter%20494%20of%20the%20Laws%20of%202006.pdf

https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/OCFS_2010/LCM/10-OCFS-LCM-09%20Multidisciplinary%20Teams%20and%20Child%20Abuse%20Investigations.pdf

The Connections Team is here to help!

Resources

- As always, **CONNECTIONS Implementation Staff** will be available to offer on-site support as necessary. A Contact list of each district and agency’s assigned implementation specialist can be found on the CONNECTIONS [Intranet](#) and [Internet](#) pages.
- **ITS Service Desk**—844-891-1786 or fixit@its.ny.gov

Questions, Comments or Suggestions

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