

Bruises, Marks and Injuries of Concern in Pre-Mobile Babies and Non-Independently Mobile Children Flowchart

Call 999 WHEN URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION REQUIRED

NON URGENT PRESENTATIONS

Work Openly and Honestly with Parents/Carers

- Advise the parent/carer of this policy
- Inform them of the need to ask additional questions and examine the child
- Notify of the need to contact Children's Social Care ("CSC")
- Reassure that they will be informed of and involved in all stages of the process
- Provide with details of the CSC contact if appropriate following contact

N.B. Actions where there is parent/carer non-compliance:

- Inform of the need to follow the protocol
- Inform CSC if they refuse to co-operate
- **If you are concerned for the safety of the child or any adults (including professionals) contact the police immediately**

Undertake the 4 Stage Assessment

([Link to Procedures](#))

(Practitioners who do not feel competent to undertake the assessment to discuss with agency safeguarding lead/Childrens Social Care)

Not Satisfied with outcome of assessment and parental explanation?

CONTACT: Children Social Care

Satisfied with outcome of assessment and parental explanation: **NO CONTACT** to Children Social Care & Share information with agencies involved with family

CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICE

Share information, obtain background information, and record and agree any necessary action, proportionate to the presentation.

AN INITIAL PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSION

Will be held to discuss the information recorded and determine if further action is required. This should include agreement on feedback to the family/carers
NB Where the mark may be due to birth trauma/medical intervention, contact must be made to the relevant hospital / UHL Safeguarding Children Team by Social Care to clarify this information from hospital records

NO FURTHER ACTION

In the event that it is agreed that there is **no safeguarding concern**, this must be documented by all agencies and fed back to the parents/ carers No single agency should make this decision.

MORE ACTION IS REQUIRED

Where there are concerns that abuse needs to be ruled out, CSC will contact the Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit ("CAIU")

A STRATEGY DISCUSSION Will be convened by CSC and involve the referrer, CAIU and the Community on call paediatrician for advise. IF a medical is required, this will be conducted under the LSCB Paediatric Safeguarding Medicals Procedure

N.B. DOCUMENT: Ensure all conversations and findings are clearly documented with the date and time and who provided you with the information. All marks on a BODY MAP including the size, shape, colour and the date and time of the examination