

WSCP PROTOCOL FOR INJURIES IN NON-MOBILE CHILDREN

Professional has concerns regarding signs of possible injury in a child who is not independently mobile. (See table of injuries below)

YOU MUST FOLLOW WSCP PROTOCOL

**IF THE CHILD IS SERIOUSLY ILL AND REQUIRES EMERGENCY TREATMENT
CALL 999 AND REQUEST AN AMBULANCE AND THE POLICE**

Seek an explanation, examine/observe injury and record accurately.
This should include details of social history including other children and carers.

If you are a Health Professional observing what you think may be a Birth Mark:

See Flowchart 'Health Professional Management of Suspected Birth Mark'

Explain to carers/parents that signs of possible injury in a child who is not independently mobile requires professionals to follow WSCP Protocol.

Give parent/carers leaflet if available.

A Referral **MUST** be made immediately to Children's Social Care for multi-agency review and decision making within Children First Partnership Hub

Children's Social Care: 01942 828300

All referrals should be made via this telephone number regardless of whether the child is already open to Social Care and followed up with a written online referral

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/ProfessionalReferralForm.aspx>

Future decisions and planning will be agreed during the multi-agency strategy meeting. A Child Protection Medical, if deemed necessary will be arranged following this meeting via Children's Social Care and the Paediatrician.

Signs & Symptoms of Possible Injury:

- Bruises
- Abrasions and lacerations
- Burns and scalds
- Injury to mouth
- Injury to eye

- Head injury or signs of head injury
- Bleeding from nose or mouth (could indicate possible attempted suffocation)
- Unexplained loss of consciousness or fits
- Pain, tenderness or failing to use an arm or leg