

WSCB PROTOCOL FOR INJURIES IN NON-MOBILE CHILDREN

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

YOU MUST FOLLOW WSCB PROTOCOL

Arrange appropriate medical assessment and treatment in addition to following safeguarding procedures

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 WSCB Protocol.

Give parent/carer leaflet if available.

A Referral **MUST** be made immediately to a Paediatrician and Children's Social Care

1) Paediatrician On-call for Child Protection

Monday–Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm	Contact Community Child Health Office T: 01942 822263 Details of the referral will be taken and a doctor will contact the referrer back to agree appropriate time and place for medical assessment. Answerphone available at lunchtime – please leave contact details and call will be returned.
Out of Hours & Weekends	Contact Paediatric Middle Grade On-Call via Hospital Switchboard T: 01942 244000

2) 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

3) Inform child's GP and Health Visitor/School Nurse

Signs & Symptoms of Possible Injury:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruises • Abrasions and lacerations • Burns and scalds • Injury to mouth • Injury to eye | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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