

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/carer 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 following multi-agency information sharing and screening. A multi-agency strategy meeting MAY need to be arranged. 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:

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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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