



INJURIES IN NON-MOBILE INFANTS

Advice for General Practitioners and Health Visitors

ANY INJURY OR UNEXPLAINED MARK, ANY ISOLATED NASAL OR ORAL BLEEDING IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR CAUSE

DON'T DELAY IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

Seek the advice of the on-call Consultant Paediatrician by telephone. This may be through the SpR.

Ideally (if a Suffolk child) consult a Paediatrician where the child was born e.g. Ipswich Hospital/ West Suffolk Hospital.

Discuss:

- No referral to Paediatrician necessary.
- Immediate referral by HV to Customer First.
- Wait for Paediatric assessment before referral.

Give Paediatrician full details of the unexplained mark/bleeding and any relevant background, and agree subsequent action.

Paediatrician will reassure or offer an examination of the baby, which in most cases will be on the same day.

Inform those involved including the parents whether or not a paediatric opinion is needed.

Paediatrician will refer to Customer First if concerned about the infant, if this hasn't been done, and Named Nurse will telephone Safeguarding Manager to alert.

MASH will hold a strategy discussion and liaison will take place between CYPS, Police and with the Paediatrician to agree further plans.

**IF YOU ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE BABY OR THERE ARE IMMEDIATE SAFETY ISSUES
DIAL 999**