



Guidance for Unexplained Marks, Possible Bruises or Injuries in Non-Mobile Infants

For All Family Support Workers and Social Workers in CYPS

IF YOU ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE BABY OR THERE ARE IMMEDIATE SAFETY ISSUES, DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS WITH THE PARENTS FIRST ADVISE PARENTS TO TAKE THE BABY TO A & E DIAL 999 FOR URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. ADVISE THE PARENTS OF THE STEPS IN THE FLOWCHART. ENSURE YOU FOLLOW THIS PROCESS IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT WAIT

REMEMBER SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

If the case is open to a **Social Care Team**, contact the Social Care Practice Manager or Consultant Social Worker to alert concerns and consideration to initiate a multi-agency S47 Strategy Threshold Discussion. This will include any decisions for specialist medical assessment for the baby

If the case is not open to Social Care, alert your Team Manager or Practice Lead and ring **Customer First** asking for a consideration to convene a Strategy Threshold Discussion in accordance with S47 guidance. This will include a specialist medical assessment

Follow up the telephone call the same day with the completed MARF sent to **MASH**

If it is determined that an assessment is needed, the Social Care team will contact the parents/ carers the same day.

Record actions on the appropriate case management system.