## Protocol for Assessment of Non-Independently Mobile Children Residing in Berkshire who are presenting with Bruising

Any Health Professional observes bruise or <u>suspicious</u> mark.

SUSPECT child maltreatment<sup>1</sup>

A child who is seriously ill should be referred immediately to hospital by ambulance if necessary

Seek an explanation, record accurately, and refer immediately to either Royal Berkshire Hospital <u>or</u> Wexham Park Hospital Paediatrician and Relevant Children's Social Care

## Immediate Phone Referral

to Children's social care

for information sharing to agree how the child will be transported to Royal Berkshire hospital or Wexham Park Hospital

Inform GP and HV

## Immediate Phone Referral

to Royal Berkshire Hospital or Wexham
Park Hospital Duty Consultant
Paediatrician.
child seen urgently for further assessment

Inform GP, HV and Children's

Social care

Further multi agency discussion and decision re further action

Follow the Berkshire Local Safeguarding
Children Partnerships Child Protection
Procedures<sup>2</sup>

- NICE clinical guidelines 89: When to suspect child mistreatment, July 2009 (SUSPECT means a serious level of concern about the possibility of child maltreatment but not proof of it)
- 2 <a href="https://berks.proceduresonline.com/">https://berks.proceduresonline.com/</a>