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Pathway for requesting a Child Protection Medical Assessment

Assessment of potential NAI can be extremely complex and working effectively together will achieve best outcomes for children.

Referral detailing alleged physical injury to a child received by the local child protection team

Need for Immediate medical treatment

No

Yes

Take to Emergency Department

Strategy discussion, involving at least Police and Children's services to collate all information. If a medical seems highly likely or there are concerns that the child might have internal injuries then Team Manager will contact the Consultant Paediatrician to provide information and agree a possible time for the medical

When disagreements cannot be resolved they should be escalated. For children's services contact the service manager via: For Hospital Trust's contact the named doctor or nurse via switchboards (or Manager on call out of hours)

Social Worker and Police visit child. If uniformed police arrive to interview parents, ask them to wait until SW arrives

SW or Team Manager and Consultant to determine urgency of assessment (if not already agreed), time, place. expectations and confirm whether signed consent obtained (when person with parental responsibility not attending)
When considering urgency determine whether the medical will determine the immediate care pathway, whether the child is mobile and verbal.

Consultant to inform ward/OP giving child(ren)'s names, dob and address and time of attendance Child/Social Worker attends department for CP medical

Ward/OP to prepare CP medical booklet (incl info leaflet for parents), print labels and allocate a nurse/HC to meet child and do Weight height and basic obs (record and sign in booklet)

Written advice to be given to Social Worker, including as to whether it is safe for the child to go home or not. (Photocopy P 25 of CP Medical Booklet and scan to named doctor).
In some instances the SW Team Leader will have a further discussion with the Consultant

CP medical to be entered onto Patient Information System as **'WF02B First Attendance – Multi Professional'** by Ward Clerk / Nursing Staff

Information to Named Nurse form and written advice to SW to be emailed to Safeguarding Office informing of CP medical by Ward Clerk / Nursing Staff

SW or Team leader to feedback to Consultant undertaking medical if decisions differ from those agreed earlier

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