

**Unscheduled Emergency Visits to A&E Children Safeguarding Assessment  
Pathway**

**(In and Out of Hours)**

Lister A&E and Watford General A&E will see children where there is an urgent medical issue requiring treatment of a minor injury or an acute medical condition.

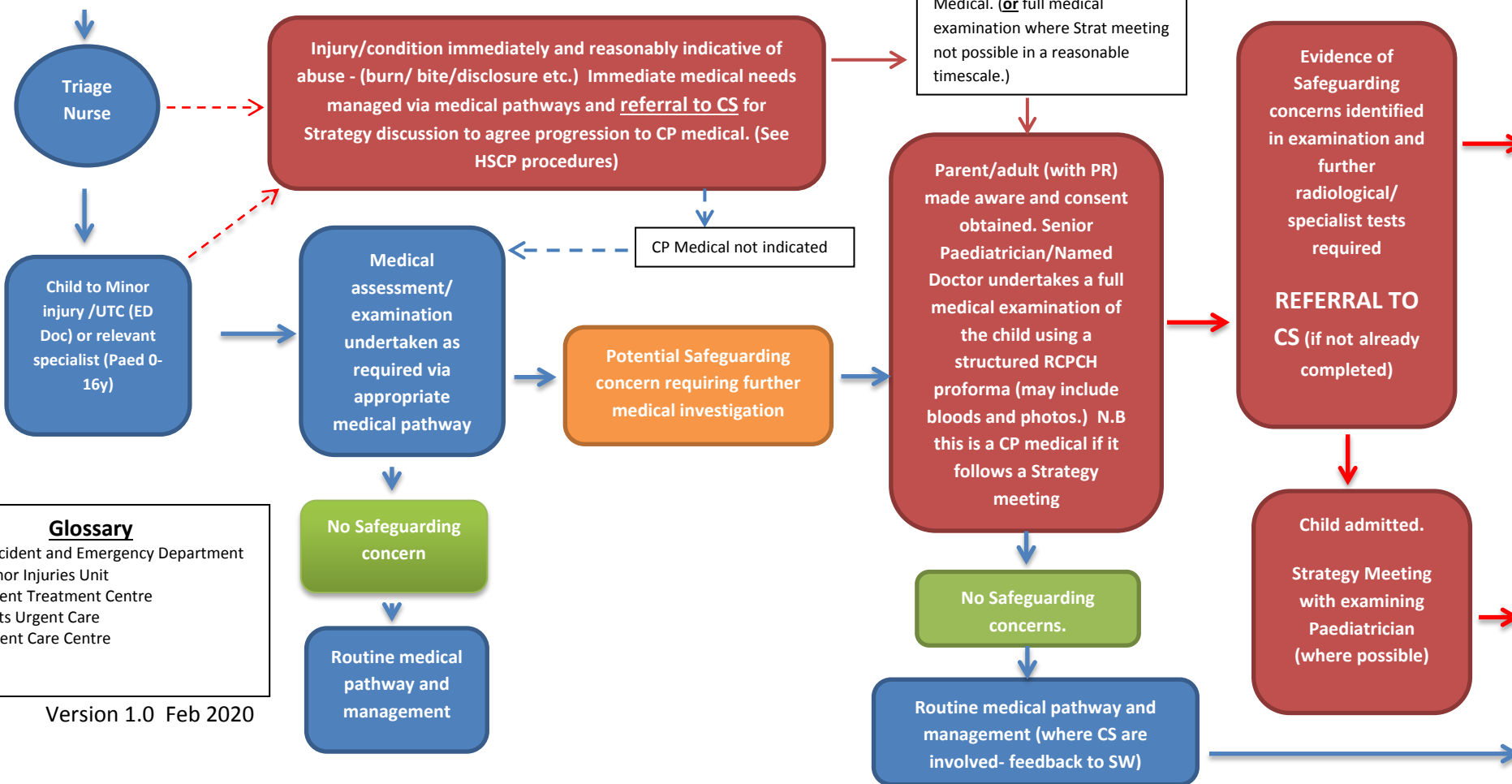
A&E attendance of child age 0-18  
(Unscheduled to ENHT/ WHHT)

1. Walk in
2. Professional referral for medical concerns from GP/Community/HUC/UTC/MIU/ Ambulance/Police/ other agency

FULL CARE PATHWAY NEEDS TO BE  
COMPLETED IN 4 HOURS

Full  
summary of  
medical  
outcome  
sheet  
completed.

Where child  
is referred  
to CS the  
report  
format  
should  
clearly  
identify this  
is a CP  
medical and  
be shared  
to CS



**Glossary**

A & E - Accident and Emergency Department  
MIU – Minor Injuries Unit  
UTC – Urgent Treatment Centre  
HUC - Herts Urgent Care  
UCC – Urgent Care Centre

## HSCP procedures for Unscheduled Attendances of Children at Acute Emergency Departments

*When a child attends ED (unscheduled attendance) with an injury / condition that is immediately and reasonably indicative of abuse/neglect, a referral to Children's services and strategy meeting must take place to agree a CP medical. **If a strategy discussion is not achievable in a reasonable timescale, or if there is an urgent need to examine and treat the child, a fuller more comprehensive medical examination (in line with RCPCH process for 'Child Protection Medical')** is undertaken with informed consent from an adult with parental responsibility, and a strategy meeting held within 24 hours. The strategy discussion should include Police, Social worker and Paediatrician/health representative.'*

*Where concerns around abuse/neglect are considered a potential differential diagnosis during a routine A&E medical assessment of a child (Including investigations/specimen analysis), a fuller more comprehensive medical examination (in line with RCPCH process for 'Child Protection Medical') is undertaken with informed consent from an adult with parental responsibility (it is understood that implicit consent is necessary to deal with any medical emergency). If the differential diagnosis of abuse or neglect is confirmed, a referral is made to Children's Services. and a Strategy meeting held to discuss steps to safeguard the child.*