Who has Parental Responsibility (PR)?

If in doubt or Parental Responsibility (PR) is unclear: ask to see copies of any legal consent documents / court orders and take advice from your legal or other advisory service. This is not a comprehensive list of all forms of legal order but covers the main scenarios

Child or Young Person (CYP) has been assessed and is NOT believed competent to give their own consent at this time (e.g. as per GMC publication 0-18 years: quidance for all doctors, and following principles of Gillick competence)

Foster Carers may be authorised for routine health reviews and to access emergency healthcare, but NOT Immunisations / Blood Borne Infection (BBI) screening / Genetic testing / safeguarding medical examination (non-accidental injury, sexual assault) / surgery / anaesthesia etc.

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Child In Care / Looked After For 'Private Fostering' legislation see: No legal orders in Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ place irrespective of (e.g. foster care, residential unit, **Child Arrangement Order** (previously where CYP is children-act-1989-private-fostering placed with relative, detained, called a 'Residence Order') currently / regularly UASC-Unacompanied Asylum Seeking Child) residing PR shared **Placement Order** with hirth Section 20 Interim Care Order (ICO) Birth Birth Same-sex parents, but (Voluntary mother partners or Full Care Order (FCO) father* an SGO Placement) holder can override birth parents **SHARED** Birth parents, If civil partners *Father holds PR if: PR remains fully Social Care, and at time of SHARED between birth married to birth with birth family prospective adopters treatment (e.g. family and Social Care, but if mother at time of once in placement, but fertility), birth, named on on FCO then Social Care can Social Care can limit / jointly register birth certificate after limit parental PR or override override if in CYP's birth, or Birth Birth 1 Dec 2003 (England parents if in CYPs welfare parental welfare & Wales), or mother father* responsibility parental agreement / responsibility order agreement / order Birth Social Care, Birth Post mother father* ideally Senior Adoption Manager e.g. Order Service **Emergency Medical Situations** (including out of hours) (no longer Manager (not Overriding duty remains to give life-saving emergency treatment in the CYP's best interests looked after) foster carer. Police Protection (PP/PPO): <72hr and no change to who holds PR residential Emergency Protection Order (EPO): 8d (max 15d) PR is SHARED between birth family and Social home worker Adoptive Care, court can grant Social Care ability to limit parental PR or override parents if in CYP's welfare etc.) Parent(s) Emergency situations where the decision of a competent CYP/person with PR means CYP is at risk only of significant harm (e.g., refusal of essential treatment) take urgent advice from your

organisation's Legal Services / MDU / MPS and contact Social Care – an emergency Court Order