

Practitioner observes a mark on a baby/child which is suspected to be a birth mark

**Non Health Practitioner pathway**

Non Health Practitioner should contact MASH for further advice (01709 336080)

MASH to consider risk factors/wider Multi-Agency Threshold Descriptors and proceed with information sharing/instigate safeguarding procedures if appropriate. **(Health representative in MASH will support confirmation of birth mark 'Special Note' if evident in Health records)**

**Health Practitioner pathway**

Health/Medical records check to see if mark has been recorded previously. ***If recorded appropriately no further action required***

If not recorded: has Health Practitioner completed additional training to support accurate identification of birth marks?

Yes

No

Health Practitioner is confident that suspected mark is a birth mark. **Action:** Reassure parent/carer, record in Health and Parent held records (**where Health practitioner uses SystmOne a 'Special Note' should also be added to clarify birth mark site/detail, the body map function should also be used in both electronic/paper health records/parent held book**)

Health Practitioner thinks it is likely that it is a birth mark but is unsure **and/or** has not had any training to support identification of birthmarks, **there are no other concerns** (using Multi-Agency Threshold Descriptors). **Action:** Health Practitioner to contact the on call Paediatrician for medical assessment of suspected birth mark: (baby/child should be seen within 24 hours of contact). Health Practitioner explains to parent/carer need for medical opinion.

Paediatrician assesses the baby/child **undressed** and confirms birthmark. **Any other unconfirmed birthmarks should be noted by the paediatrician during examination.** Parent held record should be updated at assessment. Paediatrician confirms outcome verbally to referrer or via Paediatric Liaison (same day as assessment). Paediatric discharge summary will confirm details to GP.

Referring Health Practitioner to update SystmOne and add 'Special note'

Paediatrician contacts MASH verbally **only** if mark is noted to be of concern and completes worried about a child : E-MARF, Multi-Agency safeguarding procedures followed thereafter