

# Child Protection Medical Information for Parents and Carers

## Why does your child need a Child Protection Medical?

Your child is being seen by the doctor today because someone is worried about them. This could be because of an injury, event or something they have said. It is a way to look for injuries or medical problems that might need more investigation.

## What happens at the Child Protection Medical?

You will need to give consent before your child is seen. The Doctor will explain what is going to happen. You should ask them any questions you have.

A children's doctor will ask about your child's life, health and any injuries. They may need to talk to other people who look after your child. Often children will talk to the doctor on their own.

Your child will be checked over thoroughly for any medical problems or injuries. Any marks will be measured, and photos may be taken with your permission. These photos will be for the doctor's notes. If tests are needed these will be explained to you. These could include blood tests, x-rays of the bones and scans of the head. A doctor may also look in their eyes. Some children will need more x-rays in 11-14 days. If this is the case any support at home will stay in place for this time. The least possible number of x-rays will be done. You can ask your doctor for more details.

The medical review will take a few hours. Tests may not be done on the same day and the results may take time. If you need to stay in hospital this can take a few days. Tests are not normally done at the weekend.

## What happens next?

There will be a meeting to plan what happens next. Police and Social Services will attend this meeting. Your Social Worker will let you know the result of this meeting.

The Doctor will write a report for the other teams involved (Social Services and Police). We will let you know the outcome of any tests. We know the Child Protection process may cause stress. Please talk to the team if you need help or have any more questions.

## Tests your child may need



### General examination

Your child will have a top to toe examination. Any marks will be measured. Photos may be taken with your permission



### Blood tests

Your child may need to have blood tests to look for signs of medical problems.



### Eye test

A doctor may look into your child's eyes. They may use drops to make the pupil bigger. This will wear off in a few hours



### Skeletal survey

This is a set of x-rays of the body. It takes about half an hour. A second set of x-rays will be needed in 11-14 days and any support will stay in place until then



### CT head

This is a detailed scan of your child's head. It is quick and not painful