

Request for Paediatric Opinion Prior to Invoking Fife Multi-Agency Bruising Guidance for Non-Mobile Infants (NMI)

GPs, Health Visitors, Family Nurse Practitioners and Midwives who have concerns about an infant are encouraged to discuss the situation with the NHS Fife Child Protection Team (Tel:01592 648114; Monday-Friday 09-17.00)

GP/ HV/ FNP/midwife can request a paediatric opinion in the first instance to exclude medical cause or confirm suspicion of a bruise rather than immediately submitting a NOCC if there is uncertainty about the diagnosis.

Following discussion about the NMI bruising guidance with parents/carer, the GP/HV/FNP/midwife should phone the on-call paediatric registrar, refer to the NMI bruising guidance and arrange for the child to be seen at the Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Area (SPA) on **the same day**.

Details re child, CHI number and any relevant background information should be given by phone, followed up by referral letter (emailed to on-call Paediatric Consultant/or referred via SCI Store gateway) which should include:

- A brief description of GP/HV/FNP/midwife findings
- Any relevant past health and social history
- Names and dob of siblings
- Reference to NMI bruising guidance
- Reason for referral: that a paediatric assessment is requested to exclude obvious medical causes (can be emailed to on call paediatric consultant)
- Record events and include copy of referral in Child Health Records

Arrange for parents to bring infant to the Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Area (SPA), Children's ward, VHK

HV/ FNP/midwife - Please notify your Team manager/supervisor

The consultant paediatrician, following examination of the infant will instigate an Interagency Referral Discussion in accordance with the multi-agency bruising guidance for NMI if the bruise is confirmed and obvious organic causes are excluded. The Consultant Paediatrician will dictate a letter to the referrer at conclusion.