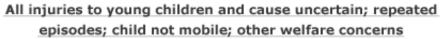


Flowchart for unexplained injuries or possible NAI



INJURIES TO YOUNG CHILDREN



Medical history and examination by paediatrician. Check if child has a child protection plan / any SW records. Check previous hospital / A & E records. Discuss medical findings with duty consultant paediatrician. Consider medical investigations.

If non accidental injury possible /probable or the injury is associated with neglect:

Refer to duty social worker

Social work discussion with police

Consider investigations: blood / skeletal survey/ retinal exam by senior ophthalmologist [Retinal examination to be recorded in detail contemporaneously]

Gather background information from HV and GP

Initial Strategy Discussion before decision about when child goes home

Must include: consultant paediatrician, social worker, police child protection team

Decisions: about risk, discharge plan, any further investigations; siblings

Initial Assessment Medical report in writing asap

Child Protection Conference

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