**Referral Pathway for Child Protection Medical for Children and Young People**

For individuals aged 17 years and under within Somerset

**Disclosure or concern regarding child abuse**

**(Not Acute or Historic Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) – see CSA referral pathway)**

**If you would like to seek further advice prior to completing a referral into Children’s Social Care you can speak with a Senior Paediatrician by contacting:**

* **East** **Mendip:** Virgin community paediatricians /RUH
* **West Somerset**: Musgrove park hospital
* **East Somerset**: Yeovil District Hospital

**Contact details overleaf.**

**Please be aware as the clinician consulting with the family, it is ultimately your responsibility to decide if a referral is completed, although you may find a discussion with an experienced Paediatrician helpful.**

**The ICB Safeguarding team (**[**somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net**](mailto:somicb.safeguardingandcla@nhs.net) **)**

**and CSC advice line (0300 123 3078)**

**are also available to support you.**

CSC will either give advice or arrange a Multidisciplinary Strategy Meeting. This meeting will need to happen quickly and it is important that your views are heard.

An appropriate safety plan should be agreed and if necessary an agreement to progress to a child protection medical. Children should not be admitted to hospital as a place of safety if they do not require medical treatment, alternative arrangements should be made. CSC will arrange CP Medicals with the paediatric team. If you feel there are ongoing risks, not met by this process then please speak to the line manager in CSC as per the Resolving Professional Differences Protocol

**CONTACT SOMERSET CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE (CSC)**

0300 123 2224 (8-5 Mon to Fri )

Or EDT 0300 123 2327 outside working hours

AND Email EHA form within 1 working day to [sdinputter@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sdinputter@somerset.gov.uk)

Please consider SBAR:

S- Situation, what happened?

B – Background, other Safeguarding risks?

A – Assessment, what are you worried about?

R – Recommendation – What would you like to happen?

**West Somerset**

**In Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm: Contact on call paediatric consultant at Musgrove Park Hospital (MPH) via safeguarding administrator (01823 343293 or 07900 138207).

CP medicals will be undertaken in the child outpatient department (Mon – Fri, usually 14h00 appointments), and will be seen within 24hrs. An appropriate safety plan should be agreed at initial strategy discussion for all children, pending CP Medical Assessment. Children should not be admitted to hospital as “place of safety” if they do not require medical treatment.

**Out of Hours**

Monday to Friday 4pm to 9am, weekends and bank holidays: Refer via the on-call general paediatric consultant (via hospital switchboard).

**Medically urgent (including non-mobile children with concerning injury), or cases presenting over the weekend**, will be seen on the paediatric ward.

**East Somerset**

**In Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm: Call *Paediatricians* on01935 475122

**Out of hours**

Monday to Friday 5pm to 8pm / Weekends and bank Holidays 9am to 5pm: Call YDH switchboard - 01935 475122 and ask for the *Consultant Paediatrician on call for Child Protection*

For urgent cases onlythat cannot be deferred to 9am

Monday to Friday - 8pm to 8am / Weekends – 5pm to 8am:Contact YDH switchboard - 01935 475122 and ask for*Consultant General Paediatrician on call*

If a child is to be admitted to YDH for treatment of injuries CP medical examination will be undertaken by the acute paediatric team.

**East Mendip only / Virgin Care**

**In Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm: Call *Community Paediatricians* on01225 394514 or 07540 668 801

**Out of hours**

Monday to Friday 5pm to 8pm / Weekends and bank Holidays 9am to 5pm: Call RUH switchboard - 01225 428331 and ask for the *Consultant Community Paediatrician on call for Child Protection*

For urgent cases onlythat cannot be deferred to 9am

Monday to Friday - 8pm to 8am / Weekends – 5pm to 8am:Contact RUH switchboard - 01225 428331and ask for*Consultant General Paediatrician on call*

If a child is to be admitted to RUH for treatment of injuries CP medical examination will be undertaken by the acute paediatric team.