

Bruising Protocol for Immobile Infants

Bruising in infants is rare and must always result in an immediate consultation with Children’s Social Care . As far as possible Little Acorns will include parents or carers in the decision-making process, unless doing so would jeopardise information gathering (e.g. information could be destroyed) or if it would pose a further risk to the child.

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A bruise will never be interpreted in isolation and will always be assessed in the context of medical and social history, developmental stage and explanation given. Assessments will be led by Children’s Social Care and a lead medical professional.

All telephone referrals should be followed up in writing within 48 hours. Children’s Social Care will co-ordinate multi-professional information sharing and assessment.

A bruise/injury must always be assessed in the context of medical and social history, developmental stage and explanation given. Children’s Social Care and local acute or community Paediatrician will determine whether bruising is consistent with the explanation provided or is indicative of non-accidental injury.

The following Bruising Protocol will always be followed in these situation

