

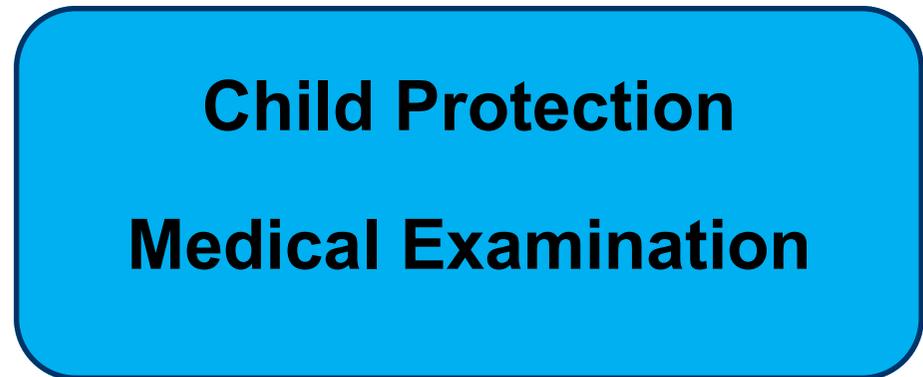
The report and the hospital records written at the time may be produced as evidence in court if necessary.

At a later date, your child may need to be treated or a follow up arranged for them to be seen by a children's doctor. If this is needed, you will be told at the medical.

Useful telephone numbers

Social Care Teams and Emergency Duty Teams	Stoke-on-Trent's Children's Advice and Duty Service (CHAD): 01782 235100 followed by Option 2 Stoke-on-Trent EDT Out of Hours: 01782 234 234 Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service: 0300 111 8007 followed by Option 1, Option4 & Option1. Staffordshire out of hours: 0845 604 2886
Staffordshire Police	Non-emergency and Child Protection 0300 123 44 55 emergencies only - 999
Childline	0800 1111 (freephone)
NSPCC	0808 800 5000 (freephone) or email via help@nspcc.org.uk

Patient / Carers Information Leaflet



Please speak to a member of staff if you need this leaflet in large print, braille, audio or another language

Introduction

A child protection investigation can be a stressful time for you and your family. This leaflet will help you to understand what is happening. Help and guidance will be given if needed to help support you and your child during this time.

Reasons for the examination

A child protection medical examination has been requested as a result of concerns being raised about your child.

Written permission for the examination is required from you (depending on your child's age and understanding).

There may be a need for other children in the family to also be examined.

A trained senior children's doctor (paediatrician) will carry out the examination.

On arrival

Your child will be weighed and have their height measured.

The doctor will come to see you and they will need to ask you for some background information from the police or the social worker.

At the examination

You, your child and the doctor will be present at the examination and if anyone else needs to be present, such as a police photographer, this will be discussed with you. You can also ask for a chaperone to be present if you wish. Be assured that you and your child's views will be listened to.

Your child will be told that the examination can be stopped at any point if they wish. A further discussion will take place to agree what is best to do next.

Your child will have a full general top to toe examination. Any obvious injuries will be noted, measured and drawn in the child's records.

The doctor will need to know about the overall health of your child and you will be asked about:

- Any illnesses your child has had.
- Their birth.
- Development.
- Immunisations.
- Allergies.
- Any medication.
- Behaviour and progress at school.
- Their day-to-day health.
- Family history.

If you have any health concerns about your child, you will have an opportunity to ask about them.

What happens next?

The findings of the examination and any further investigations that may be needed will be discussed with you by the doctor (depending on your child's age and understanding). They will also be discussed with any social worker or police who are involved.

A report will be written and sent to your GP, any social worker or police who are involved.