

## Where to find us

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## Directions

From the main hospital entrance, follow the road all the way down past the Oasis restaurant. Continue straight on until the road bears left. You will pass the Child Development Centre on your left. The paediatric assessment unit will be on your right.

## Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)

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# Child Protection Medical Assessment (Haringey)

A guide for  
young people



## Why am I having this assessment?

A young person's protection medical assessment is requested by your social worker as a review of your general health and wellbeing.

The purpose of the assessment is to check that you are healthy and safe

## Where does it happen?

Assessments take place at the paediatric assessment unit at St Ann's Hospital. (See overleaf for directions).

## What happens in the assessment?

We have a waiting area with drinks and snacks available. The staff will help you with anything you need while you are waiting.

The doctor will be a specialist children's and young people's doctor (paediatrician). They will begin by explaining what the assessment is for and asking if you agree to it (consent).

The doctor will ask about your health and examine you. You can choose if you would like to have somebody with you during the assessment.

## Will it take long?

The assessment will take longer than a visit to a GP or an outpatient clinic, lasting around one to two hours. The doctor will want to understand any concerns about your health.

## Will there be any medical tests?

Sometimes we ask a medical photographer to take pictures of marks on your skin.

Don't worry - there won't be any injections or blood tests.

## What happens after the appointment?

At the end of the appointment, the doctor will discuss the assessment with you and the social worker. The doctor may request more appointments with other services. The doctor may also ask you to come back to see him or her at a later date.

The doctor will write a letter to your GP about the findings of the assessment. This letter will also be sent to your school nurse and may be sent to other health professionals who are involved in caring for you. The letter will be sent to your social worker and may be shared with the police.

## Remember the following points:

- You will be asked to consent to the assessment
- The doctor will talk to you and examine you
- You can choose who you wish to be seen with.
- The doctor will not do anything that will hurt you

This is your opportunity to talk to a doctor about anything you want including any health worries.

