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Directions

From the main hospital entrance, follow the road all the way past the Oasis restaurant. Continue straight on until the road bears left. You will pass the Child Development Centre on your left. As you continue on, the Paediatric Assessment Unit will be on your right.

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Child protection medical assessment

A parent or carer's guide



What is a child protection medical assessment?

A child protection medical assessment is usually carried out at the request of a social worker when there is a concern that the child may have been harmed.

The purpose of the assessment is to make sure that the child is healthy and safe and to treat any injuries they may have. It is also an opportunity to review their general health.

Where does it happen?

At the paediatric assessment unit at St Ann's Hospital (see overleaf for directions). This is a private area designed to make the assessment as relaxed as possible for children and their families.

There is a play area with toys for all ages and staff are available to look after your child whilst you are talking to the doctor. Your child will also be offered drinks and snacks.

What happens in the assessment?

Your child will be seen by a specialist children's doctor (paediatrician). They will begin by explaining the purpose of the assessment and will ask for consent. Older children may be asked to consent to the medical themselves.

The doctor will ask you about all aspects of your child's health, including immunisations. If you have their personal health record book (red book) please bring it with you.



The red book

It may be necessary to take photographs of any marks or injuries that are found on your child.

How long will it take?

The assessment will take longer than a visit to the GP or outpatient clinic, lasting around one to two hours. The doctor will want to get a good understanding of your child's health and wellbeing.

What happens after the appointment?

At the end of the appointment the doctor will discuss the assessment with you and a social worker. The doctor may request investigations and/or appointments with other services for your child or they may ask you to come back to see them 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 child's school nurse or health visitor and may be sent to other health professionals who are involved in your child's care. The letter will also be sent to your social worker and the police.



The waiting area