

## **BAND additional guidance to BSCB Non-Mobile Babies Policy.**

### **Context**

Due to the significant risk of abusive injury in a non-mobile baby Bristol Safeguarding Children's Board together with South Gloucestershire and North Somerset boards have developed procedures / guidance for all professionals working with Babies around injuries in non-mobile babies.

### **What this means for Early Years Settings and Childminders**

Early Years Settings and Childminders need to include in their Safeguarding policy and procedures the "**Addendum to the Multi Agency Guidance for Injuries in Non- Mobile babies**". It recommends that when a new baby is registered with a setting that settings ask about any birthmarks, Mongolian blue spots, birth trauma marks or skin conditions the baby may have. Depending where the baby was born a body map may have been completed and enclosed in the babies Red Book, in which case settings could ask to see this and maybe take a copy and keep on file. If not settings could complete one. This would mean settings could easily check any marks found during nappy changing etc. to ensure they are not new marks or injuries.

If settings need to use the policy it is important that as well as arranging for the baby to be examined by the Community Paediatrician settings contact Social Care / First Response to request checks are made on the family, this information will be made available to the Community Paediatrician to help in any risk assessment of the injury. This is not the same as making a referral and parents should be reassured that this is the case but it is important that they check to see if the baby is already known to Social Care.

If a baby is brought into a setting with an injury, and the family tell you that the child has already been seen by the Community Paediatrician and they do not have any proof of the visit, such as a letter, you need to check with First Response / Social Care that the baby was seen.

If a non-mobile baby is seen with a significant injury or with bleeding from the nose mouth and / or ears they must be seen straight away without delay usually by calling 999.

On-Call Consultant Paediatrician (via BRI Switchboard) 0117 923 0000

First Response 0117 903 6444