

**Appendix 3: Flowchart for the referral process for bruises or injuries in non-mobile babies and children**

Practitioner observes what appears to be a bruise/injury or suspects an injury to a non-mobile child or an injury/bruise has been reported. Professionals need to be aware that there may not be an immediate sign of injury/bruise as this may appear sometime after an event (seek medical opinion)

**If the child is presenting as seriously ill/injured, then they need to be referred to the nearest hospital's emergency department (by calling 999 if you need to) and a [referral should be made immediately to Children's Social Care](#). In this scenario, the child will be examined by a Senior Emergency Doctor and paediatrician if there is concern it is non-accidental.**

