**Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council**

**Procedure for A Child Protection Medical Assessment (January 2022)**

1. Once it is agreed at strategy, by a multi-agency group, that a child protection medical assessment is needed for a child or young person, the guidance on Child Protection medicals (produced by Paediatricians at James Cook University Hospital and attached as an appendix) should be followed. The Strategy Chair (Team Manager) will advise professionals, including the social worker, on actions and next steps in relation to arranging a CP medical and the timescale for this.

2. It is the responsibility of the allocated social worker to gain consent, either in person or if this is not possible, by phone from a parent (or the person with parental responsibility) clearly explaining what this means for the child.

3. The allocated social worker needs to advise the parent and carer, of the child, the time the medical will take place and where this will be. Best practice is, to take the child and parent (wherever possible and safe to do so) to the medical.

4. If this cannot happen then the social worker must clearly tell the parent what the arrangements are: which includes which hospital it is (James Cook University Hospital), where they will meet them and at what time.

5. Following the Child Protection Medical, the social worker should complete an Interim Safety Plan, with family, before leaving the hospital, if possible or at another safe place. This means that everybody will know who and what needs to happen to keep the child safe and understand next steps.

6. The information from the medical, the outcome and the interim safety plan must be added to the child/ren’s LCS record on the same day. Partner agencies involved in the strategy meeting need to also be informed, so everyone knows what to do to keep the child safe.

**Appendix – Key Documents**

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| South Tees Child Protection Assessment Referral Pathway NORMAL WORKING HOURS |  |
| South Tees Child Protection Assessment Referral Pathway OUT OF HOURS |  |
| South Tees Child Protection Assessment SOP 2021 |  |