

# Safeguarding Non-Mobile Babies

**People Directorate**

Early Years and Childcare

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# Overview of safeguarding

- All children have the right to a safe, loving, and stable childhood.
- Everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Multi Agency Guidance about all forms of Abuse and Neglect can be found at;

*Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership and South West Child protection procedures*

# Safeguarding the youngest children



“Nothing is more important than children’s welfare..... Everyone who comes into contact with children has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action. In order that organisations, agencies and practitioners collaborate effectively, it is vital that everyone working with children and families, including those who work with parents/carers, understands the role they should play, and the role of other practitioners.”

*Working together to safeguard children, 2018*

# Statistics

- Severe child abuse is 6 times more common in babies aged under 1 year than in older children.
- Infants under the age of one are more at risk of being killed at the hands of another person (usually a carer) than any other age group of child in England and Wales
- Almost half of the children who were the subject of a serious case review between April 2003 and March 2007 were under one year old and the youngest child in the family had a heightened level of vulnerability and risk (Brandon et al 2008.2009)
- Analysis of 368 Serious Case Reviews in England 2014- 2017 relating to death or serious harm revealed that- As in all the review periods, the largest proportion of incidents related to the youngest children, with 154 (42%) aged under one year. Of these, 79 (51%) were under three months of age, In contrast to the high proportion of children known to social care, a minority were on a child protection plan

# Categories of Abuse



**Emotional** – Harmful or very limited interactions of a parent/carer toward their baby will impact on early brain development and subsequent developmental outcomes

**Neglect** - Practitioners need to be mindful and observant of neglect factors when working with families with young babies

**Sexual** – sexual abuse in babies is not common, however workers should be alert to the possibility

**Physical** - Those who don't bruise rarely bruise.

# Additional Guidance

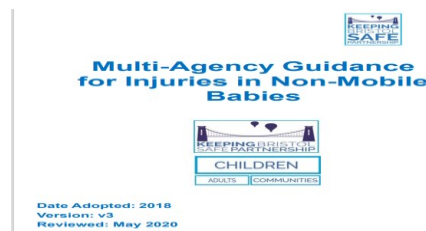
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

<https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/>

[Food safety - Help for early years providers - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/food-safety-help-for-early-years-providers)

[Bristol Safeguarding Partnership Procedures \(proceduresonline.com\)](https://www.proceduresonline.com/bristol-safeguarding-partnership-procedures)



[non-mobile-baby-injury-kbsp-policy-reviewed-may-2020.pdf \(bristolsafeguarding.org\)](https://www.proceduresonline.com/bristol-safeguarding-partnership-procedures/non-mobile-baby-injury-kbsp-policy-reviewed-may-2020.pdf)

[addendum-for-early-years-october-2018.pdf \(bristolsafeguarding.org\)](https://www.proceduresonline.com/bristol-safeguarding-partnership-procedures/addendum-for-early-years-october-2018.pdf)

# Support and services available

## Universal services –

Childrens Centre services,  
Breastfeeding support,  
Stay and play  
Baby hubs  
Universal parenting courses

Statutory –Midwife , HV,GP

Additional- Enhanced Health Visiting, Perinatal Mental Health team, Family Support Workers, Enhanced Provision (in Bristol), Families In Focus, Freedom Programme, Incredible years, Rock a Bye

# Key Messages for Parents



Sudden Unexpected Death In Infants (SUDI)

Coping with Crying

Promoting Optimal Early Brain Development - Five to Thrive

Adverse Childhood Experiences (A.C.E's)



# Useful links

- [Report a concern about a child - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk) - if you are concerned about the well –being of a child contact first response
- [Case reviews | NSPCC Learning](#) - training and resources available, you can also sign up to weekly newsletters and they even have a weekly podcast!
- [The Cry-sis website](#) has lots of helpful information and advice for mums, dads and carers. **Cry-sis have a helpline which is open 7 days a week between 9am and 10pm: 08451 228 669**
- [ICON website](#) - further information and advice on coping with crying.
- [The NHS Baby Buddy app](#) guides you through your pregnancy and the first 6 months following your baby's birth. It is designed to help you look after your baby's mental and physical health, as well as your own, and give your baby the best start in life.
- [The NSPCC Baby Parenting Tips webpage](#) has information and advice from getting babies to sleep, to managing stress. The page has tips and advice to help you through the early years.
- [The Lullaby Trust](#) raises awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), provides expert advice on safer sleep for babies and offers emotional support for bereaved families. For more information, read [The Lullaby Trust's Safer Sleep Guide for Parents/Carers](#).
- [Commons Select Committee report: Evidence-based early years intervention](#) - - more about the impact of ACEs:
- [Priorities – Five to Thrive | Bristol Early Years](#) – Five to Thrive in Bristol Early Years

# • Questions?

# Thankyou

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