

### **Existing Injuries Form – Tool to support reflection**

The recording of injuries which children have sustained outside of a care or education setting, including the explanation given by the child, their parent or carer, plays a key role in identifying safeguarding concerns. Lessons from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews tell us that the reflection which takes place alongside the recording is also key, particularly in identifying patterns to injuries.

This tool has been co-designed by practitioners who are dealing with these issues on a day-to-day basis. Whilst it is for each setting to determine how they discharge their safeguarding responsibilities, this tool is being made available to support you in the difficult work you do, with the aim of keeping our children safe.

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| Are there existing safeguarding concerns or Children's Social Care current or past involvement? | Yes / No<br>Comments:   |
| When was the last injury(ies)?  | Date(s) and injury(ies) |
| Is this part of a pattern?  | Yes / No<br>Comments:   |
| Is the explanation consistent with the injury?  | Yes / No<br>Comments:   |
| - Is the explanation concerning or are there conflicting explanations?                          | Yes / No<br>Comments:   |
| - Interpretation of level of risk   | Low<br>Medium<br>High   |

Actions to be taken, either in response to the injury, or to reduce further risk.

- What, By who, By when

Referral to MASH Y/N

Signed by....

Role....

Date

Reviewed by (e.g. DSL) ....

Date....