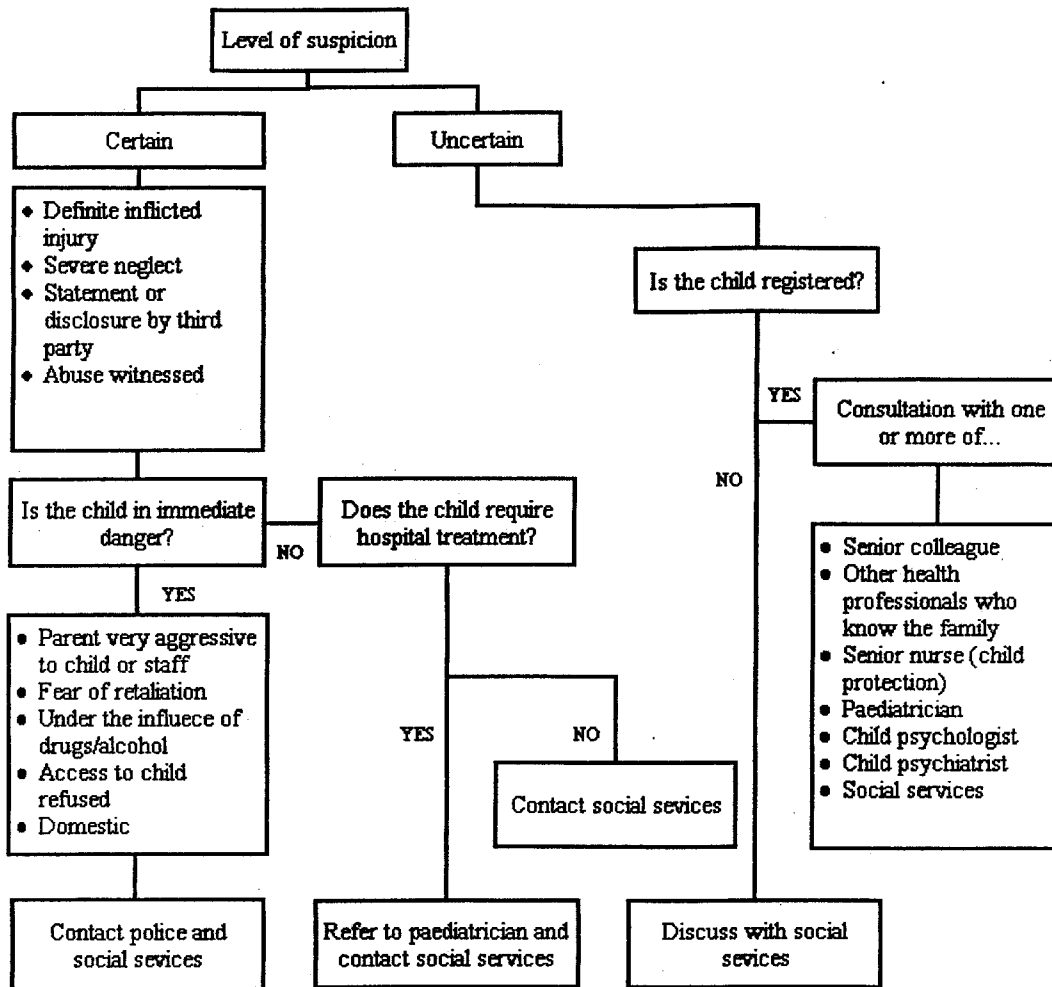


Practice Policy for Child Protection

Suspicion of Child Abuse

Does the injury fit the history?



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Sources of Stress for Children

- Social exclusion
- Domestic violence
- Mental illness of parent/carer
- Drug and alcohol misuse

Reference sources

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