

# Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust

## Emergency Department

### MEMORANDUM

To: All doctors, ANPs, Nurses & HCA  
From: Dr Chamika Mapatuna  
Date: 19/06/2018

#### Under 1 yo Senior Review

Dear Colleagues,

Infants (Under 1yr Olds) are recognized as a group of patients who are at a higher risk level due to various reasons. Hence we recommend them to be reviewed by a Senior Clinician.

When we re-audited this practice this year, 21.5% of infants seen by a Junior were not offered this service.

Senior Clinicians = ED Consultants, ED Registrars/MGs, Paeds Consultants, Paeds Registrars, Paeds Advanced Nurse Practitioners.

Could I kindly request you all to ensure all Infants presenting to our EDs are reviewed by a Senior Clinician before they are discharged.

Junior colleagues are advised to discuss all Infants with a senior. Senior clinician will make the judgment call whether to review the infant themselves or give verbal advice.

However there are **10 definitive indications** in which it is **highly recommended** for the senior to **review** the patient themselves.

1. All with fever
2. All with PAWS score >4
3. All neonates (less than 28days old)
4. All known to social services (including any family member known to services)
5. All with burns
6. All with suspected skull fractures
7. All with long bone fractures (excluding elbow, wrist, knee & ankle fractures)
8. **All non-mobile infants with injuries\***
9. Returning with same problem within 72hrs
10. Any concerning presentations

**\*ALL non-mobile** infants with any **injury/burn** regardless of the mechanism **NEED** discussing with the **Consultant Paediatrician** as well, who then will decide if further review/investigations are needed in terms of NAI/safeguarding.

The outcome of the conversation and Consultant name should be documented in the notes.

After review/ discussion, the **encounter should be documented in EPR** notes as a separate entry titled as "Senior Review". It's recommended to use "ED Senior Review Notes" for this purpose. This should be ideally done by the Senior Clinician; however, the Junior Clinician could do it on behalf of them. Senior should check that note and endorse it in an addendum with any corrections/ additions if needed.