

Freedom of Information – Response – 26567

In September 2022 the Child Safeguarding Review Panel issued guidance asking that “all safeguarding partners review their current policies on bruising in non-mobile infants to check for consistency with the evidence base and national guidelines.”

Can you respond to the following freedom of information request:

1. Was there a review of your safeguarding policies after this guidance was published, when was it, and what did it conclude?

Suffolk County Council liaised with Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership to update the policy on Bruising in non-mobile infants.

2. Provide any papers that give information on the outcome of this review.

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information. However, the information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Section 21 of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

The Policy was revised and updated and can be found on the following link:

[Physical++Non+Accidental+Injuries+Guidance.pdf](#)

Additional guidance is also available: [Non-Mobile Infants — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

3. Does your policy require a s47 investigation or strategy discussion in all cases?

Yes, a strategy discussion will take place to consider the threshold for a s47 investigation.

4. What changes were put in place to provide consistency with the evidence base and national guidelines.

Changes were implemented to bring the policy in line with the updated national guidelines.

5. Were there changes to your definition of when a child is not independently mobile and how is that now defined – in particular are children who can roll defined as not independently mobile and are children classified as not independently mobile on the basis of age?

Yes

Please see the link above in question 2 for how it is now defined.

