**Discussion with parents/carers following FII Strategy Meeting**

The discussion may include the following:

* The fact that FII is the most probable case for the child’s signs and symptoms;
* The reasons why the identification of FII seems likely;
* Any possible cause for the child’s sign and symptoms;
* Any further investigations and their likely impact on the decision regarding FII;
* The plan in terms of any on-going management of the child’s medical condition and monitoring arrangement, with likely timescales where possible;
* The prognosis for the child;
* Supportive services for a parent/carer who is suspected of abuse and for a non-abusing carer;
* Follow –up arrangements, including a plan for further discussions (consistent with the multi-agency plan agreed at the strategy discussion).

Questions should be invited and answered as honestly and as fully as possible. Any areas of uncertainty that are outside of the professional’s expertise should be acknowledged.

This potentially difficult meeting must be handled sensitively and without causing unnecessary distress. The parents/carers should have a full explanation of the evidence and what further action is needed.

Detailed notes of the discussion should be made in the child’s case notes.