Pathway for Suspected Perplexing Presentations (PP) / Fabricated and Induced Illness (FII) in STSFT

Current guidance suggests that in cases of PP/FII, parents should be part of the care team. However this needs to be risk assessed as to the nature & severity of the potential harm to the ICYP & consideration must be given as to whether carers should be informed of the initial concerns.

It is permissible to make a safeguarding referral without carers' knowledge if the risk to the ICYP is reasonably believed to be too great. Infant / Child / Young person (ICYP) suspected of being subject to PP/FII Immediate safeguarding Follow pathway YES for physical risk of harm? abuse NO

## Contact STSFT safeguarding team on 0191 541 0555

- Lead paediatrician identified & information passed to them
- If no existing paediatrician identified information passed to named doctor and/or named nurse for safeguarding children, who will then help identify a lead paediatrician to oversee case
- Chronology started by all parties, regarding all children (not just index case).
- If risk of PP/FII thought to be significant lead paediatrician arranges health professionals risk assessment meeting.

Health professionals risk assessment meeting chaired by Named Doctor (or clinician experienced in safeguarding with no direct patient involvement in this case)

PP/FII unlikely Medical management Share health consensus

with carers

• Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion

Information gathering with an open hypothesis genuine illness v PP/FII

Document all conversations & other communications e.g. texts, emails etc

PP/FII unlikely but additional needs and support identified

Medical management & refer for additional support

 Discuss concerns with carers

 Agree health and educational rehabilitation plan including lead paediatrician & GP & e.g. referral to early help/Child In Need / disability team

PP/FII probable and/or risk significant harm

Social services referral + discussion with children's services team manager

- As per Section 47 timescales, health & social care home visit within 48hr
- Agree health and educational rehabilitation plan including lead paediatrician & social care