

# CHILD PROTECTION – SUSPECTED PHYSICAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

## PROCEDURE<sup>®</sup>

### DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- Supports ED Clinicians in the management of children and young people where there is suspicion of physical abuse or neglect.
- Refer to Management Flowchart.

**Note:** For Sexual Assault please refer to SCHN Child Protection - Suspected Child Sexual Assault - ED Management procedure.

### CHANGE SUMMARY

- Document due for mandatory review: scope has changed from SCH ED to include CHW ED and SCH ED.

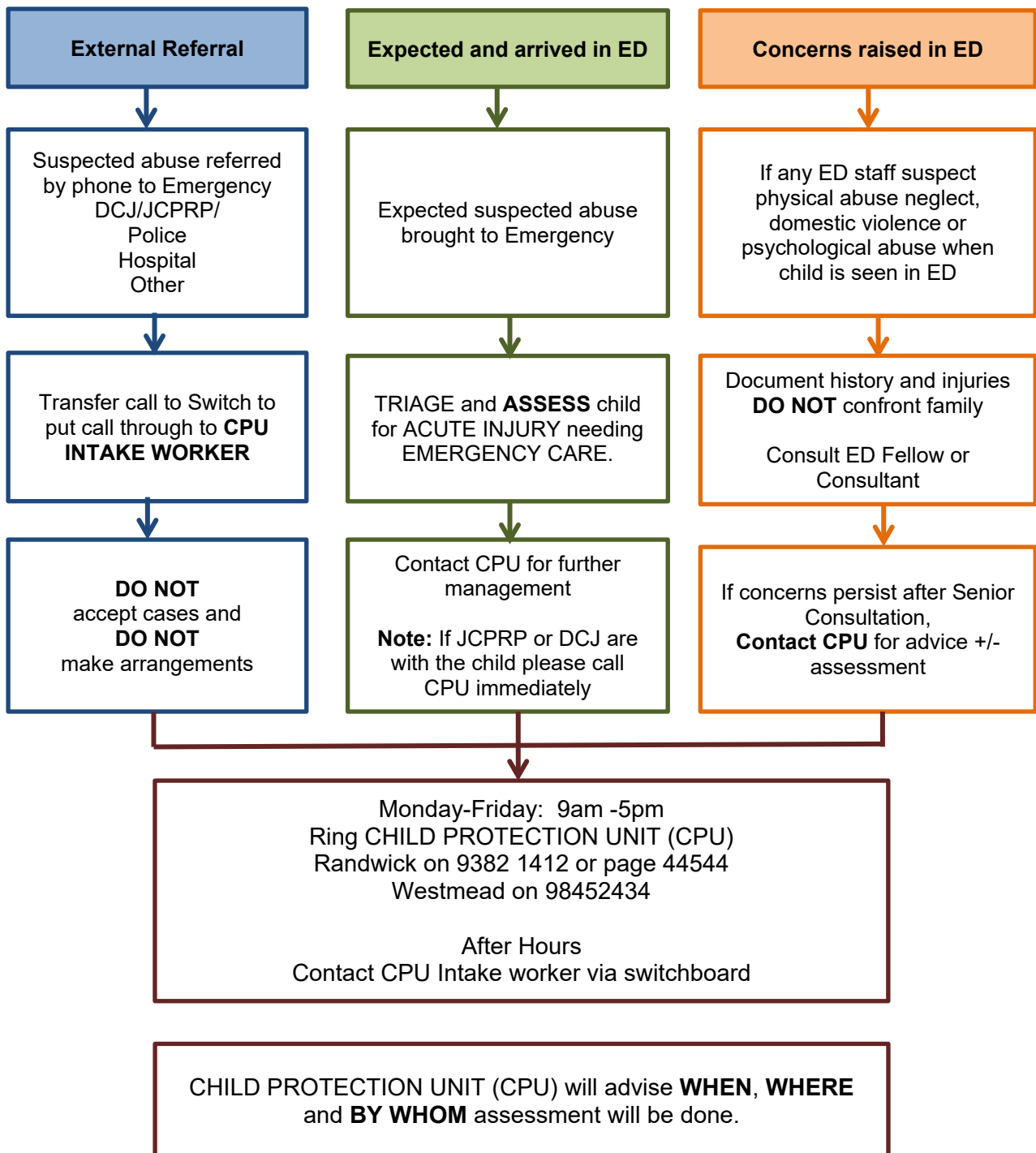
### READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- All ED clinicians and Child Protection staff need to read and understand this document.
- All SCHN ED clinicians must undergo mandatory Child Protection Training (see HETI Online)

This document reflects what is currently regarded as safe practice. However, as in any clinical situation, there may be factors which cannot be covered by a single set of guidelines. This document does not replace the need for the application of clinical judgement to each individual presentation.

<b>Approved by:</b>	SCHN Policy, Procedure and Guideline Committee	
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## Management Flowchart



Other contact information	
Community Services	Helpline 132 111
Child Wellbeing Unit (CWU)	1300 480 420

## Related Information

- *Child Wellbeing and Child Protection* (SCHN coversheet MoH PD2013\_007 & GL2014\_012): <http://webapps.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/epolicy/policy/4961>
- NSW Government Online **Mandatory Reporter Guide** and **e-Reporting** is available at: <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/>

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