The radiological investigation of suspected physical abuse in children

Appendix C. Exemplar consent form

Any hospital adopting these guidelines should ensure that they comply with their employer's policies and regulations – and should be endorsed accordingly. Employing organisation

Patient identifier detail/label

Name:

Date of birth:

NHS number:

Male/female:

Sections 1 and 2 to be completed by the referring doctor

1. Details of proposed radiological investigations

I have explained the procedure to the person with parental responsibility for the child, or accompanying member of staff if that individual is attending with the child, including:

- When and where the examination will take place (if known)
- Who will be present and who will take the images
- Requirement for child to be kept still and possible methods
- Nature of images to be acquired, for example, head CT scan, X-ray images etc.
- Need for follow-up imaging
- Process and timescale for results
- Possible further radiological examinations etc.
- Provided the advice leaflet
- Additional information:

The reasons for the radiological investigation(s):

Any risks associated with the investigation(s):

Signature of referring doctor:

Date:

Name (print):

Job Title:

- 2. Where applicable: Details of any court order supporting this examination, for example, Emergency Protection Order or equivalent
- Court order number:
- Additional information, for example, date of expiry:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERPRETER (IF PRESENT):

3. I have, to the best of my ability; accurately communicated the information provided by the doctor to the person with parental responsibility and relayed any queries back to the doctor.

Signed:

Date:

Name (print):

Special requirements

- 4. The communication and access needs of the person with parental responsibility have been met, for example, language interpretation, sign language, access needs etc. (circle which is appropriate)
 - No specific needs identified
 - Yes

If yes please state what was provided:

To be completed by the person with parental responsibility/legal guardian

- 5. To be completed by the person with parental responsibility:
- I confirm that I have legal responsibility for this child.
- I agree to the radiological investigation(s) described on this form being performed on my child.
- I confirm I have had the opportunity to have any questions about the procedure answered.
- Should sedation or general anaesthetic be required I understand that I will have the
 opportunity to discuss the details with the paediatrician or anaesthetist. I understand an
 additional consent form will be required.

Signature:	Date:
Name (print):	Relationship to child:

Section 6 and 7 to be completed by lead radiogrpaher on admitting child to imaging room for procedure

6. Confirmation of agreement

I have:

- Confirmed the identity of the child with the person with parental responsibility
- Checked that they have no further questions

- Checked prior documentation of consent
- Ensured that they give permission for the radiological examination(s) including any required immobilisation to go ahead.

Signed:	Date:
Name(print):.	Job title:
7. If the person with parental responsibility withdraws consent at any time during procedure, signature is required below, along with the reason for withdrawal.	
Reason:	
Signed (person with parental responsibility):	
Date:	Time:
Signed (radiographer):	
Date:	Time: