

Safeguarding Newsletter

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Fabricated or Induced Illness

Fabricated or Induced Illness is a condition whereby a child suffers harm through the deliberate action of her/his main carer and which is attributed by the adult to another cause.

There are four main ways of fabricating or inducing illness in a child:

- Fabrication of signs and symptoms, including fabrication of past medical history.
- Fabrication of signs and symptoms and falsification of hospital charts, records, letters and documents and specimens of bodily fluids.
- Exaggeration of symptoms/real problems. This may lead to unnecessary investigations, treatment and/or special equipment being provided.
- Induction of illness by a variety of means.



You can find more information here:

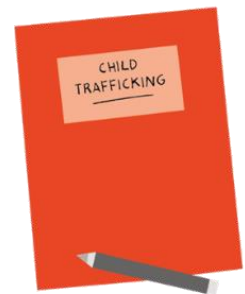
www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-in-whom-illness-is-fabricated-or-induced

Child Trafficking

Child trafficking and modern slavery are child abuse. Children are recruited, moved or transported and then exploited, forced to work or sold.

Children are trafficked for:

- child sexual exploitation
- benefit fraud
- forced marriage
- domestic servitude such as cleaning, childcare, cooking
- forced labour in factories or agriculture
- criminal activity such as pickpocketing, begging, transporting drugs, working on cannabis farms, selling pirated DVDs and bag theft.



You can find more information here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-trafficking/>

Useful Contacts:

Children's Services Referral and Advice Service: **0300 555 0050**

Adult Social Care Team: **0300 555 0055**

Out of hours Emergency Duty Team: **0300 555 8574**