

CPC IL – f

Social Work Department
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Balivanich
Isle of Benbecula
HS7 5LA

Tel: 01870 602425

Social Work Department
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Sandwick Road
Stornoway
Isle of Lewis
HS1 2BW

Tel: 01851 703773

Social Work Department
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Castlebay
Isle of Barra
HS9 5XD

Tel: 01871 810431

Childline
0800 11 11

Social Work Out of Hours
01851 701702

This and further information
leaflets available at:

www.cne-siar.gov.uk/childProtectionCommittee

Information for Children and Young People

About Medical Examinations



**WESTERN ISLES
CHILD PROTECTION
COMMITTEE**



2006

Why do I need to see a doctor?

Sometimes you may need to see a doctor. This is to:

- find out if you are well or need any treatment; and
- look at any injuries you may have.

This will help the social worker and police officer decide what should happen next.

Who will examine me?

Medical examinations may be carried out by:

- your family doctor;
- a children's doctor; or
- doctors with special knowledge of protecting children.

Do I have to have a medical examination?

The workers will want to ask the person looking after you to agree for you to have a medical examination. Depending on your age and how well you understand we will usually ask you to agree to any interview or medical examination.

Who will be with me?

You will be asked by the social worker or police officer, who you would like to be with you. It could be:

- the person looking after you;
- the social worker or police officer; or
- someone who knows you well.

Where will the medical examination happen?

A doctor will examine you:

- at a health centre;
- in a local hospital; or
- in a hospital or special health centre on the mainland.

You can ask the doctor questions after the examination. The workers with you can also explain what the doctor thought about your health. If you have any questions afterwards, please ask.

Remember you have a right to be:

- treated with respect and given privacy;
- involved in the decisions about the medical examination; and
- told what the doctor thought about your health.