

**For leaflet “Social Assessment for Child Protection and
Multi-disciplinary Case Conference
for the Protection of Child with Suspected Maltreatment
Notes to Parents”**

Further information on invocation of provisions of the Ordinance is as follows.

Medical Examination or Treatment

If a professional finds that a child has been or is being harmed and is of the opinion that the child is in need of urgent medical or surgical attention or treatment but the parent(s)/guardian do(es) not consent to sending the child to the hospital for an examination/treatment, in accordance with Section 34F(1) and (2) of the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance, Cap 213 (PCJO), any person authorised in writing by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) or any police officer of the rank of station sergeant or above is of the opinion that that child or juvenile who appears to be in need of care or protection is in need of urgent medical or surgical attention or treatment may take the child or juvenile to a hospital. A child or juvenile who is admitted to a hospital after being taken there may be detained by the DSW in that hospital for so long as the attendance of the child or juvenile at that hospital is necessary for the purpose of medical or surgical attention or treatment, and thereafter the DSW may take him/her to a place of refuge.

Temporary Care Arrangement

If a professional finds that a child has been or is being harmed and is of the opinion that it is not appropriate for a child to return home at the moment while the parent(s)/guardian do(es) not consent to the arrangement of temporary placement of the child, in accordance with Section 34E(1) of the PCJO, any person authorised in writing by the DSW or any police officer of the rank of station sergeant or above may take any child or juvenile who appears to be in need of care or protection to a place of refuge or such other place as he may consider appropriate. The officer will then make an application of a Care or Protection Order to the Court for the child within 48 hours.