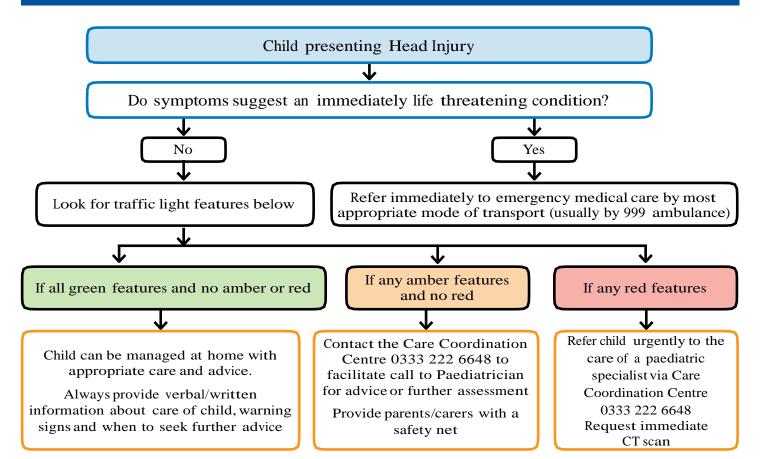
## **Clinical Assessment Tool**



## Head Injury



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**Glasgow Coma Scale** – assess child against scale. The lowest possible GCS (the sum) is 3 (deep coma or death), while the highest is 15 (fully awake person).

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Eye	Does not open eyes	Opens eyes in response to painful stimuli	Opens eyes in response to voice	Opens eyes spontaneously	N/A	N/A
Verbal	Makes no sounds	Incomprehensible sounds	Utters inappropriate words	Confused, disoriented	Oriented, converses normally	N/A
Motor	Makes no movements	Extension to painful stimuli (decerebrate response)	to paintill stimilli	Flexion / Withdrawal to painful stimuli	Localizes painful stimuli	Obeys commands

When you feel a GP review in a specific time period is clinically appropriate but that falls outside of the 'in hours' GP service please advise your patient/family to call NHS 111 (at an agreed time interval / level of deterioration – depending on your concerns) and advise that there is a 'predetermined plan to speak with an Out of Hours GP'. Please provide your patient / family with a letter detailing your clinical findings and concerns to help the Out of Hours GP assessment.

## This guidance is written in the following context

This assessment tool was arrived at after careful consideration of the evidence available including but not exclusively use BTS Guidelines and NHS evidence. Healthcare professionals are expected to take it fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. The guidance does not, however, override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

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