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| SEARCHING OF BABIES |

Searching staff must explain the reasons for the search. The search of a baby will take place following the appropriate rub-down search of the parent/carer.

The parent/carer must be asked to consent to a search of the baby.

If consent is given, ask the parent or carer if there is any unauthorised article concealed on the baby. Conduct the search according to the relevant procedure, Level One or Level Two, as detailed below.

If consent is not given, seek a manager’s advice. Searches without consent may take place only in specific circumstances. Searches without consent may only be conducted by a prison officer or police officer.

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| **SEARCH PROCEDURE BASIC SEARCH – BABIES** |

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| **SEARCHER ONE** | **SEARCHER TWO** |
| The person in charge of the search. Responsible for controlling the search and will normally observe the subject from the front.  Searcher 1 **must explain** the reason for the search taking into account any equality issues in any of the process steps. | Responsible for receiving clothing and other items from the subject and searching them. Searcher 2 must return the clothing and other items back to the subject at the direction of Searcher 1.  Observes the subject throughout the search, normally from back or side. Remains vigilant to potential risks and remains alert throughout the search. |
| **STEP 1 -** Ask parent or carer to remove the baby’s nappy and hand it to Searcher 2. This will involve undoing or removing some of the baby’s clothing and shawls, blankets or outer garments.  View the baby and keep watch over the adult | Look at nappy (no need to search in detail) and place in bag for disposal. |
| **STEP 2 -** Search any other clothing/outer garments. |  |
| **STEP 3 -** Provide a new nappy. Observe the parent/carer dressing baby. |  |
| **STEP 5 -** View area around to ensure nothing has been discarded before or during search. |  |

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| **SEARCH PROCEDURE - DETAILED SEARCH BABIES** |

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| **SEARCHER ONE** | **SEARCHER TWO** |
| The person in charge of the search. Responsible for controlling the search and will normally observe the subject from the front.  Searcher 1 **must explain** the reason for the search taking into account any equality issues in any of the process steps. | Responsible for receiving clothing and other items from the subject and searching them. Searcher 2 must return the clothing and other items back to the subject at the direction of Searcher 1.  Observes the subject throughout the search, normally from back or side. Remains vigilant to potential risks and remains alert throughout the search. |
| **STEP 1 -** Ask parent/carer to place the baby on a convenient and safe surface where you can observe both parent and baby.  For older babies it may be easier to perform the search with the baby standing on the floor: ask the parent/carer’s advice. |  |
| **STEP 2 -** Ask the parent/carer to remove any blanket, shawl, coat or other bulky outer garment and pass it on to Searcher 2. | Search clothing. |
| **STEP 3 -** Ask the parent/carer to remove all of the baby’s clothing except vest and pants and bodysuit and pass to Searcher 1.  Keep watch over parent and baby. | Search clothing. |
| **STEP 5 -** If baby is wearing all-in-one vest/bodysuit: ask parent or carer to remove it and hand to Searcher 2. If baby is wearing vest and pants, ask parent or carer to remove vest only and hand to Searcher 2. | Search clothing. |
| **STEP 6 -** View baby’s upper body. Ask parent or carer to lift baby if lying or sitting down. | Return clothing. |
| **STEP 7 -** Allow parent or carer to replace vest or bodysuit, if bodysuit, ask them to leave it undone. | New Picture (2) |
| **STEP 8 -** Ask them to remove nappy (and pants if worn) and hand to Searcher 2. | Search clothing and look at nappy (no need to search in detail). Place nappy in bag for disposal |
| **STEP 9-** View lower half of baby. Ask them to raise bodysuit if worn. Ask parent to lift or raise baby if laying or sitting. |  |
| **STEP 10 -** Provide a new nappy and observe them putting it on baby. |  |
| **STEP 11** - Return all clothes and observe the dressing of baby. View area around adult and baby to ensure nothing has been discarded before or during search. | New Picture (2) |