

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE - Sepsis

Issue:	Missed diagnosis in child
Defendant:	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust - Royal Oldham Hospital
Synopsis:	<p>Failure to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify advanced nature of sepsis• Recognise a 'bruise' as purpuric rash (indicator of meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia) <p>Investigation found missed opportunities to identify severity of 6 year old Layla-Rose's illness by hospital doctors</p>
Harm Caused:	Missed diagnosis of sepsis leading to death of young child
Solicitor Comment :	<p>“ There was complete failure in the system to recognise the obvious signs of progressing sepsis. This is a terribly sad case and I sincerely hope that processes and pathway will now be put in place to ensure that not other child falls through the net. It is likely to require comprehensive programme of training not least to ensure that a culture of team working is put in place so that all members of the clinical team are empowered, supported and confident to promptly escalate clinical concerns of sepsis to experienced senior doctors. ”</p>
Parent Comment:	<p>“ Layla-Rose should have been admitted to a ward sooner. I am now part of the meningitis working group and more aware of sepsis. You have to act quickly at the stage. They call it the silent killer. ”</p>

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