



British Paediatric Surveillance Unit Study

CLINICALLY RECOGNISED RAISED BLOOD LEAD CONCENTRATIONS IN CHILDREN

CONCENTRATIONS IN CHILDREN
Case notification form
BPSU ID: OO OOO OO
Case Definition: Any child up to (but not including) 16 years of age with a blood lead concentration reported by the laboratory as being greater than or equal to 10 micrograms per decilitre (0.48µmol/L) with or without any of the accepted clinical signs and symptoms of lead toxicity.
Reporting Instructions:
Please report any child from birth up to (but not including) 16 years of age with a raised blood lead concentration greater than or equal to_10 micrograms per decilitre (0.48µmol/L) who was diagnosed (recognised to have a raised blood lead concentration) for the first time in the last month.
Please return the completed form to:
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Referring Hospital:
Consultant Responsible for Reporting Case:
Person Completing Questionnaire:
Email contact address:
Contact Telephone Number:
Date of completing questionnaire



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Section 1: Child's details

1.1	Date of birth					
1.2	Sex		boy		girl	
1.3	Initials					
1.4	Hospital Ref.	No				
1.5 CHI)	NHS No. (or e	equivalent, e.g.				
1.6	Home Post C	ode				
	Ethnic Origin se tick one)					
WHITE						
	British — / <u>ASIAN BRITISH</u>	White Irish —		Other Wh	ite U	_
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OTHER	₹	_				
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1.8 Wa	as the child bor	n outside the UK?		Yes	No Not Kno	own 🗆
lf y	es, please state	e (if known)				
A. Country of birth						
В.	Any other cour entering the Ul	ntries of residence p K	rior to			
C.	Age at which cl	nild entered the UK				



BSPU ID: Clinical presentation and diagnosis

2.1 Date of diagnosis - By this we mean date of outpatient or hospital visit at which the clinical diagnosis of lead poisoning was given to the family.2.2 When did the child first experience symptoms?					
years months OR date OM OR No Clinical Symptoms 2.3 Have there been previous episodes of illness that might be attributed to unrecognised raised blood lead concentrations? Yes No Not Known					
2.4 Who referred the child? Please tick one					
GP Health visitor					
Hospital clinician					
Other Please give details					
2.5 What was the blood lead concentration?					
μg/L ORμmol/L					
Date sample taken					
Name of lab that processed this sample					
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2.6 What was the reason for blood lead testing? (Plea	se tick any that apply))				
Clinical symptoms or signs					
Exposure history (including history of pica)	Please give details				
Screening in asymptomatic children with learning difficulties or developmental delay					
Finding of elevated blood lead levels in household contacts					
Following advice from HPU or environmental health dept that child may have been exposed to lead					
Other	☐ Please give details				





2.7 Clinical symptoms and signs at diagnosis (if any)

Which of the following signs and symptoms suggof diagnosis? (Please tick all that apply)	gestive of lead toxicity were present at the time
No clinical symptoms	2.7.1
GI	
Abdominal pain Constipation Vomiting Anorexia Other GI	2.7.2 2.7.3 2.7.4 2.7.5 2.7.6 Please specify:
Neurological	
Encephalopathy	2.7.8
Motor problems (gross or fine)	2.7.9
Impaired cognition (no background learning difficulties)	2.7.10
Learning difficulties / developmental delay	□2.7.11 Please tick if: Mild □ Moderate □ Severe □2.7.12
Irritability	2.7.13
Lethargy	$\Box_{2.7.14}$
Sleep disturbance	2.7.15
Behavioural problems, e.g. ADHD	2.7.16
Other neurological symptoms	2.7.17 Please specify:
Haematological	
Anaemia	2.7.19
Other haematological abnormality	2.7.20 Please specify:
Renal	
Renal dysfunction	2.7.22 Please specify:
Other	
Other symptoms	2.7.24 Please specify:



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2.8 Investigations

2.8.1 Have any investigations (apart from blood lead levels) been performed in the management of this child?	Yes	No	NK
2.8.2 If yes, what investigations (apart from blood lead levels) have been undertaken? (Please tick all that apply and provide details of any abnormal results)			
Renal function	pleas	se specify any a	nbnormal results
Radiological investigations	pleas	se specify any a	nbnormal results

Section 3: Exposure history

3.1 From the information currently available to you, is the likely source of lead exposure for this child known?	Yes	No	NK
3.2 If yes, please could you indicate what the			
probable source of exposure to lead is for this child? (Please tick all that apply)			
Pica	Details		
Exposure to old leaded paint			
Soil exposure			
Domestic drinking water			
Cooking utensils			
Exposure to 'surma' / 'lead-containing traditional cosmetics'			
Exposure to traditional medicines			
Other	Details		



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3.3 Are any investigations about exposure still			
pending? 3.4 If we needed further details on pending investigations, would you be agreeable to be	Yes	No	
contacted again in 6 months?	Yes	No	

Section 4: Referrals

4.1 Has the child been referred to a Clinical Toxicologist?	Yes No Not Known
If yes, which hospital?	
Name of clinician	
4.2 Has advice on treatment been obtained from the National Poisons Information service?	Yes No Not Known
4.3 Has the child been referred to the local Health Protection Unit?	Yes No Not Known
If yes, which unit?	
If no, are you intending to refer?	Yes No Not Known
If you are not intending to refer, please explain why this wo	ould not be appropriate for this case:
4.4 Has the child been referred to the local environmental health department?	Yes No Not Known
If yes, which department?	



BSPU ID: Section 5: Management

5.1 Has the child required adn	nission to hospital?	Yes No Not Known
5.2 Date of admission:		
5.3 Date of discharge:		
or tick if still in hospital:		
5.4 Reason for admission:	Chelation therapy Whole bowel irrigation Further investigation Iron and / or Vit C therapy Other Please give reason	
5.5 If the child required chelat	ion therapy, which chelating	agent was used? (tick all that apply)
DMSA (succimer)		
EDTA		
Dimercaprol (BAL)		
Penicillamine		
Not known		



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Section 6: Household contacts

6.1 Have any members of the household been identified with elevated blood lead concentrations in the last year?		Please give details in question 6.2 and		
6.2 For adult household m please give relationship to			od lead concentrations in the last year,	
		level (mcg/L)	Relationship to index case (e.g. mother, uncle)	
Adult household member 1			,	
Adult household member 2				
Adult household member 3				
Adult household member 4				
Adult household member 5				
Adult household member 6				
6.3 For child household me please give details in table		elevated bloo	d lead concentrations in the last year,	



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6.3 For child contacts, please give as much information you can, as we will try to match contacts with cases already reported, or will write to responsible clinicians and ask them to complete an anonymised questionnaire. By date of diagnosis we mean date of outpatient or hospital visit at which the clinical diagnosis of lead poisoning was given to the family

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	Relationship to case	Sex of household contact (pls circle)	Date of Birth	Home Post code	Reported to BPSU	Date of diagnosis (approximate if necessary)	Name and hospital of responsible clinician	Was a source of exposure identified (NK= not known)	Please indicate the source if known	Blood lead level (µg/L)
1		M/F			Yes/No/NK			Yes/No/NK		
2		M/F			Yes/No/NK			Yes/No/NK		Or NK
3		M/F			Yes/No/NK			Yes/No/NK		Or NK
4		M/F			Yes/No/NK			Yes/No/NK		
5		M/F			Yes/No/NK			Yes/No/NK		Or NK
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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.