

Launch of the “Spotting the Signs of Sepsis” Safety Netting Film

The Health Innovation Network (HIN) has worked in partnership with NHS England and the ASK SNIFF Safety Netting Collaborative to produce the “Spotting the Signs of Sepsis” film.

This film is evidence-based, and co-designed with parents, to standardise the safety netting advice that clinicians provide for parents of children under five with fever, or suspected infection, being discharged home from the Emergency Department (ED). It also seeks to empower parents to feel more confident about caring for their child with fever at home, as well as about how and when to seek medical attention through its unique use of real-life footage of the signs parents need to be looking out for.

We are delighted to now be showing the film to parents before being discharged home from our ED. We will also be encouraging parents to complete a short survey after watching the film to further evaluate its impact.

Please watch the film to familiarise yourself with the advice that parents are being provided with. Remember to document that you have shown parents the film prior to ED discharge to demonstrate your safety netting practice.

The film will also be available in two parts for parents to watch again on the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk/sepsis) to aid recall of the information contained within it. The film will also be available to the general public to raise awareness of sepsis. You may therefore meet parents presenting to the ED who have watched the film online or prior to discharge from your, or another, ED or primary care service. Use this to help clarify the nature of the concerns of the parent that prompted this (repeat) presentation with their child.