**Emergency Medical Situations** *(including out of hours)*

Overriding duty remains to give life-saving emergency treatment in the CYP’s best interests

* **Police Protection Order** (PPO): <72hr and **no change to who holds PR**
* **Emergency Protection Order** (EPO): 8d (max 15d) PR is **SHARED** between birth family and Social Care but is limited to what is *directly necessary to safeguard the CP.* The court can grant Social Care ability to limit parental PR or override parents if in CYP’s welfare
* Emergency situations where the decision of a person with PR means the **CYP is at risk of significant harm** (e.g. refusal of essential treatment) take urgent advice from your organisation’s **Legal Services / MDU / MPS** and contact **Social Care** – an emergency Court Order may be required.

**Foster Carers** may have *delegated authority* for routine health reviews, emergency healthcare, and to follow parental choice for *routine* immunisations but NOT give consent for Blood Borne Infection (BBI) screening / Genetic tests / safeguarding examination (non-accidental injury, sexual assault) / surgery / anaesthesia etc.

For ‘**Private Fostering’** legislation see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/>

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**If in doubt or Parental Responsibility (PR) is unclear: ask to see copies of any legal consent documents / court orders, and take advice from your legal or other advisory service**

**This is not a comprehensive list of all forms of legal order but covers the main scenarios**

Who has Parental Responsibility (PR)?