

“Spotting the Signs of Sepsis” Parent Advice Video

An example of how systems thinking and collaborative working can amplify impact

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The Problem

- Delays in recognition and treatment of sepsis costs lives
- There is poor public awareness of what sepsis is
- There are no signs or symptoms that are specific for sepsis
- There is no standardised safety netting advice that clinicians can give to parents of an unwell child with a fever



The Future

- Implementation of the use of the video within Paediatric ED's nationally
- Evaluation of the impact of the sepsis videos on addressing the problem initially identified



Outputs

- Two videos (“Spotting the Signs of Sepsis” and “Caring for Children with Fever at Home”) available on the NHS Choices website for the general public to watch – now a NHS England key deliverable
- A combined version of the videos shown to parents of children under five with fever being discharged home from Emergency Departments (ED's) to provide standardised safety netting advice

The (Potential) Solution

- A credible, evidence-based, video resource incorporating real life footage of children with the signs and symptoms of sepsis that parents need to be alert to



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Collaborative Working

Input into the video was received from a number of organisations:

- Content based on the written materials of the Public Health England and UK Sepsis Trust public awareness campaign
- Co-design of the script and video style by clinicians and the Parent Panel of the ASK SNIFF research group
- Funded by NHS England with input from their Cross-System Sepsis Programme Board
- Hosted on the NHS Choices website

