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Subject:	Protocol for child under 1 years old presenting at Accident and Emergency (A&E) department when choking
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Requested:

What is your protocol for a baby under 1 year presenting at A & E choking? And what does the treatment protocol include?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not have any local protocol for the treatment of children under the age of 1 who present at A&E whilst choking.

The UHB works in compliance with the Paediatric Choking Algorithm as is published on Resuscitation Council (UK) website, and can be accessed via the following web link:
<https://www.resus.org.uk/resuscitation-guidelines/paediatric-basic-life-support/>

Where a child appears well but there is a history or concern for the swallowing a foreign body, the UHB's clinical staff would follow the guidance detailed under the Emergency and High Dependency Care section of the Oxford Handbook Paediatrics, which can be accessed via the following web link:
<http://med-mu.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Oxford-Handbook-of-Pediatrics.pdf>