**CASE 1**

**YOUR ROLE: Pediatrician**

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| **Settings:** | **You are a Pediatrician working in a Children’s Hospital and you have serious suspicions for a case of child maltreatment. You decided to go to the Police Department in your area and submit a referral.** |
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| **Instruction:** | Please provide to Police Officer **ONLY** the information in **GREEN FONT**. |
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| **Introduce the request:** | **“Good afternoon. I am here to refer the case of a child that in my opinion suffers serious maltreatment”** |
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| **Introduce the content of referral:** | **“Almost five months ago, a young girl, Tina, was admitted to the hospital where I am working with multiple injuries; after physical examination, a black eye and bruises on her buttocks, back and the back of her thighs were discovered. She was severely beaten with an object, probably a stick. The parents –clearly overwhelmed- claimed she was attacked by an intruder. Today Tina was admitted in the hospital again with serious injuries. Her parents said that they found Tina beaten lying on a mattress”** |

**Instruction:** Please provide the following information in **BLUE FONT** **ONLY** if you are asked by the Officer

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| **RECORD** | |
| **Agency's ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Operator’s ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Date** | 🡪 April 9 2014 |
| **Source of referral** | 🡪 “I am a medical doctor, pediatrician, and I am working in the Central Children’s Hospital in Sofia” |
| **INCIDENT** | |
| **ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Date** | 🡪 “based on the status of her injuries I can say that the incident happened at least two days before she came to the hospital” |
| **Location** | 🡪 “in her home” |
| **Form(s) of maltreatment** | 🡪 “she was probably beaten with a belt; moreover, she has a burn in the oral cavity, probably due to swallowing tabasco sauce or something similar; she was terrified; she was trembling and crying upon her arrival; I asked her what happened but she didn’t say a word –I am not sure if this happened due to her fear or because of the burn” |
| **CHILD** | |
| **ID** | 🡪 not known to you |
| **Gender** | 🡪 “she is a girl” |
| **Age**  If you asked again for the birth date | 🡪 “almost 3,5 years old”.  🡪“I have Tina’s date birth in her file –I can inform you via telephone by tomorrow”. |
| **School attendance** | 🡪 “I don’t know, I don’t think so, she is too young” |
| **History of CAN** | 🡪“as I already told you, five months ago Tina’s parents brought her to the hospital; at that time she had a black eye and bruises on her buttocks, and was beaten” |

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| **FAMILY** | |
| **Composition** | 🡪 “As far as I remember there are no other children in the family –but I have to check it also” |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) relationship to child** | 🡪 “Her parents” |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) gender** | 🡪 “male” & “female” |
| **Primary Caregiver(s) age**  -If you asked specifically for birth year  -If you asked for more precise estimation of parents’ age | 🡪 “more or less 30 years old”.  🡪 “I don’t know”.  🡪“mother is ~25-30 and father ~30-35” |
| **Other type(s) of violence** | 🡪 “None, as far I as I know; Social Services assessed the case before, so it is possible to have some more information” |
| **SERVICES** | |
| **Institutional response** | 🡪 “Yes, physical exams by the pediatrician and stomatologist. To my knowledge following Tina’s first admission an investigation was made by the social services of our hospital with no findings. After her discharge note, she was returned home. And physical exams, of course” |
| **Referral(s) to Services** | 🡪 “I have no knowledge of this” |
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| **Instruction:** | When the Officer informs you that s/he finished with the recording, then provide him/her with the “pending” information below: |
|  | **Next day** you call the police officer and inform him/her about   * **Child’s Date of birth (27 November 2010)** * **No other children in the family** |

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