

Patient Instructions

Name of Patient:

Scott Hawkins and mum Sandra Blades
age 2

Description of the patient & instructions to simulator:

Your own mum has suggested that Scott needs to be checked out again. She felt really bad when Scott fell and hit his head when she was baby sitting him last week. But your mum does not have any idea of what might be causing his falls. He falls most days.

Scott was checked out in the hospital about 7 months ago. The specialist say he was normal.

No discharge from his ears really, but his ears are always really dirty.

You clean them with a cotton bud.

Scott sometimes has a lazy eye. (This is only when he is very tired and is not linked with him falling.) His eyesight and hearing seem fine.

PSO

Lives with mum. Mum smokes, but only outside.

Scott's dad has never taken any interest in Scott, even though mum has offered. You say that there are no hard feelings against dad. He was never violent or abusive, just never involved and mum and dad separated well before Scott was born. Sandra says that that is not a problem but the tone in her voice betrays that dad is not her favourite person. Sandra has plenty of support from her own family.

Scott has just started nursery.

First line and history

A while ago I was talking to my health visitor because he's constantly falling over. So we got referred to the Niall Quinn Centre. And they said he's got an instep thing. And that's what might be causing him to fall over. There's like literally nothing on the floor and he's still constantly falling over. He's just fallen out there and brayed his head. And I just wanted to get his eyes and his ears checked.

Ideas –

Sometimes this eye, he's got a bit of a lazy eye. But when he's falling there's literally nothing. And he just topples straight over.

Concerns –

Just his falling over. And to see if I can get his eyes checked.

Expectation –

I just want to know if this is normal, or if anything should be done.

