The Barnahus model refers to multi-disciplinary and interagency interventions for child victims and witnesses of violence.

One-stop, child-friendly setting which fulfills a number of criteria.

PROMISE I explored these criteria in depth and developed standard setting publications.

Select professionals from around Europe were invited.

*From 0 to Barnahus* is an open invitation to join the discussions within the European Barnahus Movement.

Key principles, standards, and challenges to consider when opening and operating a multi-disciplinary and interagency collaboration for child victims and witnesses of violence.

Read more in the PROMISE Vision [www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/vision](http://www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/vision)
PROMISED AND DELIVERED …

• PROMISE 2015-2017 invited pilot countries to receive support for the establishment of Barnahus
• Participated in exchanges and trainings, and gave important feedback to the PROMISE publications.
• Now in phase 2, they are facilitating their own exchanges and trainings, and supporting the European Barnahus Movement with their own learnings.

• In 2015 - only 6 or so countries with a Barnahus or similar setup.
• By the end of 2019 we anticipate more than 20 countries around Europe will be operational, with another 6 countries actively working towards launching services.

• Most have inspired, contributed to, and are now basing their work on the Barnahus Quality Standards and on other valuable learnings from PROMISE. [www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/standards](http://www.childrenatrisk.eu/promise/standards) (available in several languages)
PART 1: FRAMEWORK FOR MEDICAL STANDARDS

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Medical evaluation – a key criteria for the Barnahus and similar setups

Part 1: Framework for medical standards

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“The golden rule that should apply to all actions concerning children (as victims) is that the child regardless of the legal outcome will be in a better position when the process ends than when it began”
Poll: What is your profession?
Multidisciplinary work at Barnahus

Medical and forensic examination

Dental examination

Forensic interviews

Risk & Protection assessment

Crisis Support & Treatment

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The Barnahus Quality Standards

Standard 7: Medical examination

- Medical examinations and treatment are routinely carried out on the premises of the MD/IA service (unless urgent or complicated cases require special interventions or equipment at a hospital setting, as an outpatient or inpatient).
- Medical assessments in MD/IA setting are, as far as possible, carried out at the same day as the forensic interview.
- The medical examination is carried out by specialized staff who are trained on recognizing indicators of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse as well as child neglect.
Staff

- The medical evaluation and treatment in the Barnahus are carried out by a paediatrician, gynaecologist, forensic medicine physician or an advanced nurse with specialised training on child abuse and neglect depending on the needs of the child;
- Staff is competent in photo documentation of injuries and lesions on the victim’s body;
- Staff have access to, and competence to use, equipment for child friendly general and genital examination in the Barnahus (e.g. Video colposcope for examination of sexual abuse and a high quality camera for physical abuse). If there is no such equipment, the child is referred to a service which can perform the examination without delay.
Treatment

• Medical treatment is carried out in the Barnahus premises as relevant;
• The Barnahus liaises with a local hospital for referral of relevant cases for further evaluation and treatment, including urgent or complicated cases that require special interventions at a hospital setting, as an outpatient or inpatient as well as with hospitals referring concerning cases to the service.
Poll: From your perspective, what most important gain from having a Barnahus setting
A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

- 1 of 7 Barnahus in the greater Stockholm region
- 1000 children yearly
- Age groups are from 3 to 4 years of age up to 18. Age groups we see most of is 6 year olds and around the age of 14.
- The child protection team exam only about 15-20% of these children.
A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

What type of crime?

- Sexual abuse: 27%
- Physical abuse: 54%
- Gra frid: 10%
- Other: 9%

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A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

Staffing Barnahus Stockholm

• Management:
  - one manager from the police authority
  - one manager from the CPS/Socialförvaltningen
  - one manager from the mental health sector
  - one manager from the health sector

• Social services: 7 coordinators/social workers
• Police: about 40 persons (25 investigators, four group managers and a couple of administrators)
• Children's mental health service: 6 child psychologists specialized in trauma
• **Child protection team: 3 Pediatric specialist nurses, 3 Pediatricians**
• Prosecution: 3 public prosecution offices (about 20 prosecutors in total)
A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

Approaching the child

- Informed by the child's legal counsel about the day.
- Safety person present
- Nurse meets child in the waiting room and informs and sets the rules for the exam
- In the examination room – explains what’s going to happen again and
- then proceeds. Before ending the exam the child is asked if he/she wants to see the pictures taken and if there are any questions.
- Important to have time, don’t rush
A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

Medical evaluation and treatment

• Is the child growing (growth charts from child care centers are obtained thru medical records)
• Dental status (dental records)
• General presentation
• Untreated medical conditions e.g. Eczema
• Medical findings will lead to referral to specific specialist.

  • Parents need to be informed or social services depending on the case outcome
A local example: Barnahus Stockholm

Medical/forensic Examination

- General exam, signs of maltreatment, especially teeth. Inspection of skin from head to toe.
- The exam follows the forensic interview, so we talk freely about scars and bruises that we find.
- Photo and written documentation
- Understanding that specific findings are not always found, this however does not make the child’s story less credible, which the police and attorney must be made aware.
Comments and Questions?

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