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PROMISE VISION: A EUROPE WHERE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE, TO SUPPORT AND TO BE HEARD ARE FULFILLED.

- 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

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 (available in several languages)

PART 1: FRAMEWORK FOR MEDICAL STANDARDS

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Webinar

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

Medicinsk undersökning

Skyddsbedömning

Risk & Protection assessment

Barnförhör

Kristöd

Crisis Support & Treatment

Psykologisk behandling

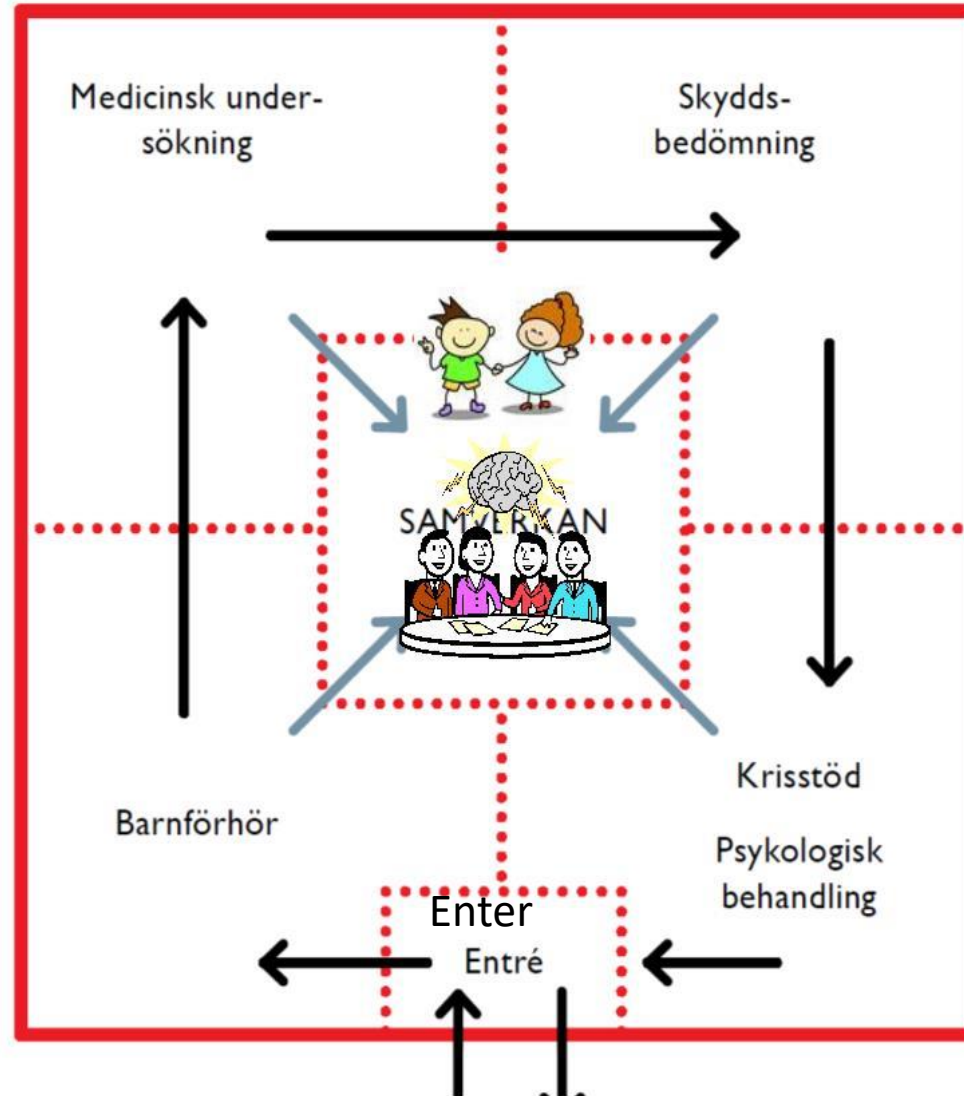
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The Barnahus Quality Standards

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.

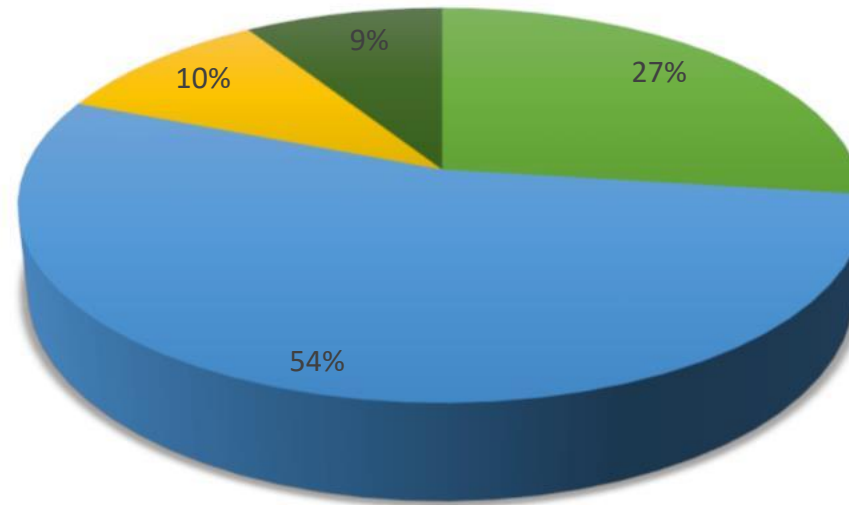
Poll: From your perspective, what most important gain from having a Barnahus setting

A local exempel: Barnahus Stockholm

- 1 of 7 Barnahus in the greater Stockholm region
- 1000 children yearly
- Age groups are from 3 to 4 years of age upp 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 ■ Physical abuse ■ Gravid ■ Other

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



Medical Examination
room, Barnahus Stockholm

- 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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- 25 Oct 2018 – Physical abuse diagnostic workup and decision-making
- 19 Nov 2018 – Sexual abuse diagnostic workup and decision-making

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