

Managing Medical Conditions in Schools

Please refer to the Hounslow policy on supporting pupils with medical conditions

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/hounslow/fsd/files/pupils_with_medical_conditions_hounslow_final_oct19_archive.pdf

Information about online training to support the management of medical conditions is available in the attached document.

Asthma

As part of school admission process all schools (mainstream and special schools) should complete a health check. If it is determined that a child has asthma, parents should be able to share the asthma care plan with the school, or the GP can be contacted directly for a copy of the asthma care plan. GPs are responsible for providing an asthma health care plan (unless the child has more significant asthma difficulties where they are seen by specialist services). If there are difficulties in obtaining the asthma care plan from the GP for children with a Hounslow GP, the school nursing service are able to assist with chasing this for you. For out of borough GPs, all schools need to liaise with that GP directly. If you have specific problems in obtaining the asthma care plan for an out of borough GP, let the Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) know who can escalate this to the DCO in the relevant borough.

Epilepsy

For children with epilepsy, parents should have a letter from the consultant. West Middlesex Hospital have an interim epilepsy specialist nurse and for children/young people under her care she will support schools to write the care plans and see the child / young person in the hospital clinic. For children requiring Buccal or rectal medications the Children's Community Nursing team (CCN) would then write the whole care plan and would discharge from their case load once the plan is finalised.

www.youngpilepsy.org.uk/guideforschools is a useful source of information for schools.

All staff in the class should undergo general epilepsy awareness training. This can be accessed through these links:

<https://www.youngpilepsy.org.uk/guide-for-schools/epileptic-seizures/>

OR

<https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/training/for-schools>

For **mainstream and special schools** a meeting between school staff and parents should be arranged to review the letter from the consultant. If training on emergency medication (Buccal Midazolam or rectal paraldehyde) is required the Children's Community Nursing (CCN) team can provide the training on a case by case basis.

In **special schools** the special school nursing team (part of the CCN team) can assist with putting a health care plan together. Children will be discharged once the health care plan is in place if direct nursing support is not required from the team. Schools are responsible for ensuring Health care plans are updated at least annually or whenever there is any change in the condition or management of the condition. Schools should seek support when health care plans need updating. The CCN will provide training required for administering emergency medication.

Diabetes

A health care plan should be written in conjunction with the specialist health professional. Training can be delivered from the diabetic specialist service at West Middlesex hospital.

Haemoglobinopathy (Sickle Cell Disease or Thalassaemia Major)

HRCH have a specialist nurse to assist with specialist care plans.

Allergies

Children who require Epipens will receive ongoing prescriptions from their GP. Epipens last for 18 months. Schools are able to purchase emergency Epipens if additional Epipens are required.

Training can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.allergywise.org.uk/>

Any other conditions

Where children are receiving care under a specialist hospital, the treating professional should produce a health care plan. Guidance is often provided in the form of a letter. Schools may require support in interpreting information contained in letters.

In mainstream schools, school nurses should be approached for support.

In special schools, where children are known to the CCN team, the CNN team can be approached for support. If children are not known to the CNN, the School nursing service can be approached for support with regards to developing a health care plan.

Parents are responsible for ensuring the school is kept up to date with any changes to care need and provide the most up to date letter.