

Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions General Guidance

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This guidance document aims to provide a brief overview what schools are required to do to meet the requirements laid out in the new DfE document "Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs" which came into effect in September 2014.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Introduction

The Childrens and Families Act 2014, section 100 enacts a duty on governing bodies of maintained schools, proprietors of Academies and management committees of PRU's to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions.

Consequently, the DfE have reviewed and revised their guidance on managing medicines resulting in the production of the 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs' document. This new guidance document came into effect in September 2014 and replaces the previous 'Managing Medicines in Early Years Settings' of 2005 document currently used by education premises. The new document now places the onus on the Governing Body to ensure that the school has a policy in place to meet the requirements laid out in the guidance document.

Although the DfE guidance document on 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions' does not refer to other settings with in Hampshire where young persons maybe supported with their medical conditions, eg. Nurseries, the guidance document could be referred to when setting the local policy and the Children's Services Health and Safety Team (CSHST) template/guidance documents used if required.

To assist education premises in meeting their requirements the Children's Services Health and Safety Team have produced a Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy Template (Appendix A), an Administration of Medicines Risk Assessment (Appendix B) and a Medication Tracking Form (Appendix C).

The policy template and has been put together through consultation with key teams in HCC including Legal Services. The policy should be read in conjunction with the DfE guidance document 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions' and should be

adapted/amended to suit your local arrangements. The policy is not fit for purpose in its current state.

The administration of medicines risk assessment would normally be deemed as a significant risk, therefore it is a requirement of the Children's Services Health and Safety Team that where administration of medicines does occur one overarching risk assessment should be completed using this template. This risk assessment should be reviewed in line with your own local review process for such documents, normally every 3 years or following an incident/change in process.

The medication tracking form template has been produced to assist schools in logging/tracking the medication held on their premises. It is recommended that schools have a process in place to track medication as part of their Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.

The DfE have produced a set of template forms, which are listed below, these are also attached as appendix D to this document;

- Template A - an individual healthcare plan
- Template B - parental agreement for setting to administer medicines
- Template C - record of medicine administered to an individual child
- Template D - record of medicines administered to all children
- Template E - staff training record – administration of medicines
- Template F - contacting emergency services
- Template G - model letter inviting parents to contribute to individual healthcare plan development

Most schools should already be familiar with using these forms when administering medicines.

In addition to this the Southern Health School Nursing Team have produced a simple document explaining the process for identifying children with medical conditions and a questionnaire for parents to complete. The questionnaire will assist schools in identifying children with medical conditions that would require their needs to be considered as part of the new statutory framework and the appropriate procedures to be implemented as a result, eg. Individual health care plans. This is attached as Appendix E along with a document explaining the process as Appendix F.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy Template

Appendix B - Administration of Medicines Risk Assessment

Appendix C - Medication Tracking Form

Appendix D – Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions: Templates

Appendix E - Health Questionnaire for Schools

Appendix F - Process for Identifying Children with a Medical Condition

Appendix A

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Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs

Policy Template

Children's Services and Safety Team

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The following Administration of Medicines Policy Template is provided to assist you in developing a local policy that is specific to your premises/organisation. We have provided some example text to assist you in writing your local policy but it is not designed or fit for immediate use as your policy.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there is a plan in place to support pupils with medical conditions and that employees are aware of their responsibilities and that relevant staff understand the administration of medicine arrangements.

It is recommended that you read and complete this policy template in conjunction with the DfE statutory guidance document 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions'.

Any writing in black bold in this policy template is statutory guidance which must be followed, you may wish to leave this in the policy or remove as required based on the school's preference.

Any writing in normal black text is text that should be kept in the policy or amended to meet your local arrangements.

Any writing in blue italics is either example text and can be amended/adapted/deleted as appropriate to reflect the local arrangements or it requires information to be inserted.

Please ensure this box is deleted prior to implementation

Name of Unit/Premises/Centre/ School:	
Name of Responsible Manager/Headteacher:	
Date Policy approved and adopted:	
Date Due for review:	

Introduction

Consider the following example text to set out your introduction, add additional information as required. You may wish to refer to pages 5-9 of the DfE guidance to add in more information as required.

Section 100 of The Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on ***...(please delete as appropriate...the governing body of this school, the proprietor of this academy or the management committee of this Pupil Referral Unit)...*** to make arrangements for supporting children at their premise with medical conditions. The Department of Education have produced statutory guidance 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions' and we will have regard to this guidance when meeting this requirement.

We will endeavour to ensure that children with medical conditions are properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. The aim is to ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both their physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

It is our policy to ensure that all medical information will be treated confidentially by the Headteacher and staff. All administration of medicines is arranged and managed in accordance with the Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs document. All staff have a duty of care to follow and co-operate with the requirements of this policy.

Where children have a disability, the requirement of the Equality Act 2010 will apply.

Where children have an identified special need, the SEN Code of Practice will also apply.

We recognise that medical conditions may impact social and emotional development as well as having educational implications.

Key Roles & Responsibilities

Statutory Requirement: The governing body should ensure that the school's policy clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the arrangements they make to support children at school with medical conditions.

Please refer to page 11 of the DfE guidance document to review the roles and responsibilities for different people that you may want to include in your policy. An example of how to lay this area out is highlighted below;

The Governing Body is responsible for:

Detail the expectation on the governing body here.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

Detail the expectation on the Headteacher here.

Teachers and Support Staff are responsible for:

Detail the expectation on the governing body here.

The School Link Nurse/Matron is responsible for:

(As well as considering the section on page 11 of the DfE document on school nurses when completing this section, it may also be worthwhile discussing with your link school nurse what her role is in relation to this area as this may differ depending on the location of the school. This will also differ if you have an in house nurse/matron and will need to be adapted accordingly).

Some of these roles may not be applicable for all premises such as Pupil Referral Unit and will need to be adapted as required.

Local Arrangements

Identifying children with health conditions

Statutory Requirement: The Governing body will ensure that the policy sets out the procedures to be followed whenever a school is notified that a pupil has a medical condition.

We will aim to identify children with medical needs on entry to the school by working in partnership with parents/ carers and following the process outlined in the document 'Process for identifying children with a health condition' produced by the Southern Health School Nursing Team in conjunction with the Children's Services Health and Safety Team. We will use the 'Health Questionnaire for Schools' to obtain the information required for each child's medical needs to ensure that we have appropriate arrangements in place prior to the child commencing at the school to support them accordingly.

***...(Please insert any other process you will use to identify children with a medical condition if it is in addition to or different to the process above. This should include any transitional periods between schools, the process to be followed upon reintegration, when children needs change, through their Education Health Care plan (EHC) or through the Special Educational Needs Team (SEN) and arrangements for any staff training or support, please refer to page 9 of the DfE guidance document when developing this area of your policy)... ***

Where a formal diagnosis is awaited or is unclear, we will plan to implement arrangements to support the child, based on the current evidence available for their condition. We will ensure that every effort is made to involve some formal medical evidence and consultation with the parents.

Individual health care plans

Statutory Requirement: The Governing body will ensure that the school's policy covers the role of individual healthcare plans, and who is responsible for their development in supporting children at school with medical conditions. *Please refer to pages 9-11 of the DfE guidance document when establishing this area of your policy.*

We recognise that Individual Healthcare Plans are recommended in particular where conditions fluctuate or where there is a high risk that emergency intervention will be needed, and are likely to be helpful in the majority of other cases, especially where medical conditions are long term and complex. However, not all children will require one. The school, healthcare professional and parent will agree based on evidence when a healthcare plan would be inappropriate or disproportionate.

Where children require an individual healthcare plan it will be the responsibility of ***...(please insert whose responsibility it is to work with relevant parties to produce the healthcare plans, eg. the Headteacher)... *** to work with parents and relevant healthcare professionals to write the plan.

A healthcare plan (and its review) may be initiated in consultation with the parent/carer, by a member of school staff or by a healthcare professional involved in providing care to the child. The ***...(insert name of the responsible person)... *** will work in partnership with the

parents/carer, and a relevant healthcare professional eg. school, specialist or children's community nurse, who can best advise on the particular needs of the child to draw up and/or review the plan. Where a child has a special educational need identified in a statement or Educational Health Care (EHC) plan, the individual healthcare plan will be linked to or become part of that statement or EHC plan.

We may also refer to the flowchart contained within the document 'Process for identifying children with a health condition' for identifying and agreeing the support a child needs and then developing the individual healthcare plan.

We will use the individual healthcare plan template produced by the DfE to record the plan.

...(or insert here what individual healthcare plan template you will be using to document the healthcare plans for pupils with medical needs)...

If a child is returning following a period of hospital education or alternative provision (including home tuition), that we will work with Hampshire County Council and education provider to ensure that the individual healthcare plan identifies the support the child will need to reintegrate effectively.

Statutory Requirement: The governing body should ensure that all plans are reviewed at least annually or earlier if evidence is presented that the child's needs have changed. Plans should be developed with the child's best interests in mind and ensure that the school assesses and manages the risks to the child's education, health and social well-being and minimise disruption.

...(Insert here the process the school follow for ensuring plans will be reviewed at least annually or if something changes prompting such a review)...

Statutory Requirement: When deciding what information should be recorded on individual healthcare plans, the governing body should consider the following: *Please refer to page 10, number 19 of the DfE guidance to develop this area further.*

Staff training

Statutory Requirement: The Governing Body should ensure that this policy clearly sets out how staff will be supported in carrying out their role to support children with medical conditions, and how this will be reviewed. It should specify how training needs will be assessed and by whom training will be commissioned and provided.

The school policy should be clear that any member of school staff providing support to a

child with medical needs should have received suitable training.

Staff must not administer prescription medicines or undertake any health care procedures without the appropriate training (updated to reflect any individual healthcare plans)

Please refer to page 14-15 of the DfE guidance document.

The following text can be used/adapted to detail what your local arrangement are;

All new staff will be inducted on the policy when they join the school through ***...(insert the induction method used)...***. Records of this training will be stored ***...(insert the where records will be kept)...***.

All nominated staff will be provided awareness training on the school's policy for supporting children with medical conditions which will include what their role is in implementing the policy. This training will be carried out every ***...(insert the period of time when the training will be refreshed, eg. annually and/or following a review of the policy)...***.

The awareness training will be provided to staff by ***...(insert the method of providing the awareness training on the policy, ie. email/meeting/inset day)...***.

We will retain evidence that staff have been provided the relevant awareness training on the policy by ***...(insert the method for recording the awareness training on the policy, ie. minutes of meetings/signature sheets etc)...***.

Where required we will work with the relevant healthcare professionals to identify and agree the type and level of training required and identify where the training can be obtained from. This will include ensuring that the training is sufficient to ensure staff are competent and confident in their ability to support children with medical conditions. The training will include preventative and emergency measures so that staff can recognise and act quickly when a problem occurs and therefore allow them to fulfil the requirements set out in the individual healthcare plan.

Any training undertaken will form part of the overall training plan for the school and refresher awareness training will be scheduled at appropriate intervals agreed with the relevant healthcare professional delivering the training.

A 'Staff training record– administration of medicines' form will be completed to document the type of awareness training undertaken, the date of training and the competent professional providing the training.

The child's role

Statutory Requirement: The Governing body will ensure that the school's policy covers arrangements for children who are competent to manage their own health needs and medicines. *Please refer to page15-16 in the DfE guidance document.*

The following text can be used/adapted to detail what your local arrangement are;

Where possible and in discussion with parents, children that are competent will be encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own medicines and procedures. This will be recorded in their individual healthcare plan. The healthcare plan will reference what will happen should a child who self-administers refuse to take their medication (this will normally be informing the parent/carer at the earliest opportunity).

Where possible we will endeavour to ensure that children can carry their own medicines and relevant devices or have easy access to allow for quick self medication. We will agree with relevant healthcare professionals/parent the appropriate level of supervision required and document this in their healthcare plan.

Managing medicines on School Premises

Statutory Requirement: The Governing Body will ensure that the school's policy is clear about the procedures to be followed for managing medicines. *Please refer to pages 16-17 of the DfE guidance.*

The following text can be used/adapted to detail what your local arrangement are;

The administration of medicines is the overall responsibility of the parents/carers. Where clinically possible we will encourage parents to ask for medicines to be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside of school hours. However, the ***...(insert name of unit/centre/premise manager or headteacher)...* is responsible for ensuring children are supported with their medical needs whilst on site, therefore this may include managing medicines where it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so.

We will not give prescription or non-prescription medicines to a child under 16 without their parent's/carers written consent (a 'parental agreement for setting to administer medicines' form will be used to record this), except in exceptional circumstances where the medicine has been prescribed to the child without the knowledge of the parents. In such cases, we will make every effort to encourage the child or young person to involve their parents while

respecting their right to confidentiality.

A documented tracking system to record all medicines received in and out of the premises will be put in place. The tracking system used is ***...(insert the tracking system implemented at the school)...*** (The Children's Services Medication Tracking Form could be used for this purposes)

The name of the child, dose, expiry and shelf life dates will be checked before medicines are administered.

On occasions where a child refuses to take their medication the parents will be informed at the earliest available opportunity.

We will only accept prescribed medicines that are in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, their dosage and storage. Insulin is the exception, which must still be in date but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than its original container.

Children who are able to use their own inhalers themselves are encouraged to carry it with them. If the child is too young or immature to take personal responsibility for their inhaler, staff should make sure that it is stored in a safe but readily accessible place, and clearly marked with the child's name.

Controlled drugs will be securely stored in a non-portable container which only named staff will have access to. We will ensure that the drugs are easily accessible in an emergency situation. A record will be kept of any doses used and the amount of the controlled drug held in school. There may be instances where it is deemed appropriate for a child to administer their own controlled medication. This would normally be at the advice of a medical practitioner. Where an individual child is competent to do so and following a risk assessment, we may allow them to have prescribed controlled drugs on them with monitoring arrangements in place.

We will only administer non-prescribed medicines on request from the parent if they are in clearly identifiable packaging and only on a short term basis (Where the school have concerns they will seek further guidance from their link School Nurse).

...(remove this section as appropriate if not a secondary school)... It is our policy to give age appropriate doses of paracetamol to secondary age children as described on the packet, if written consent from the parents has been received in advance of administration. We will check that they have not previously taken any medication containing paracetamol within the preceding 4 hours and only give one dose.

We will never administer aspirin or medicine containing Ibuprofen to any child under 16

years old unless prescribed by a doctor.

All other pain relief medicine will not be administered without first checking maximum dosages and when previously taken. We will always inform parents.

Any homeopathic remedies to be administered will require a letter of consent from the child's doctor and will be administered at the discretion of the Head teacher.

Emergency medicines will be stored in a safe location but not locked away to ensure they are easily accessible in the case of an emergency.

Types of emergency medicines include:

- Injections of adrenaline for acute allergic reactions
- Inhalers for asthmatics
- Injections of Glucagon for diabetic hypoglycaemia

Other emergency medication ie. Rectal diazepam or Buccal Midazolam for major seizures will be stored in accordance with the normal prescribed medicines procedures (see storage section).

Storage

All medication other than emergency medication will be stored safely in a locked cabinet, where the hinges can not be easily tampered with and can not be easily removed from the premise.

Where medicines need to be refrigerated, they will be stored in a ***...(insert here whether there is a dedicated refrigerator or whether they will be stored in the staff refrigerator)...*** in a clearly labelled airtight container. There must be restricted access to a refrigerator holding medicines.

Children will be made aware of where their medicines are at all times and be able to access them immediately where appropriate. Where relevant they should know who holds the key to the storage facility.

Medicines such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens will always be readily available to children and not locked away. We will also ensure that they are readily available when outside of the school premises or on school trips.

Storage of medication whilst off site will be maintained at steady temperature and secure. There will be appropriately trained staff present to administer day to day and emergency

medication and copies of individual health care plans will be taken off site to ensure appropriate procedures are followed.

Disposal

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to dispose of their child's medicines. It is our policy to return any medicines that are no longer required including those where the date has expired to the parents/carers. Parents/carers will be informed of this when the initial agreements are made to administer medicines. Medication returned to parent/ carers will be documented on the tracking medication form.

Sharps boxes will be in place for the disposal of needles. Collection and disposal of these will be arranged locally through ***...(please insert the name of the appropriate contractor)...*** who will remove them from site ***...(insert the frequency of removal from site)...***.

Medical Accommodation

The ***...(insert the name of the location/room which has been assigned as the medical accommodation)...*** will be used for all medical administration/treatment purposes. The location/room will be made available when required.

Record keeping

Statutory Requirement: The governing body should ensure that written records are kept of all medicines administered to children. *Please refer page 17 of the DfE guidance document.*

A record of what has been administered including how much, when and by whom, will be recorded on a 'record of prescribed medicines' form. The form will be kept on file. Any possible side effects of the medication will also be noted and reported to the parent/carers.

Emergency Procedures

Statutory Requirement: The Governing body will ensure that the school's policy sets out what should happen in an emergency situation. *Please refer to page 17 of the DfE guidance document. Consider whether the use of Template F: Contacting Emergencies Services form (Appendix D in the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Guidance document) is required in your setting and include this in this section.*

Where a child has an individual healthcare plan, this will clearly define what constitutes an emergency and provide a process to follow. All relevant staff will be made aware of the emergency symptoms and procedures. We will ensure other children in the school know

what to do in the event of an emergency ie. informing a teacher immediately if they are concerned about the health of another child.

Where a child is required to be taken to hospital, a member of staff will stay with the child until their parents arrives, this includes accompanying them to hospital by ambulance if necessary (taking any relevant medical information, care plans etc that the school holds).

Day trips/off site activities

Statutory Requirement: *The Governing body should ensure that their arrangements are clear and unambiguous about the need to support actively pupils with medical conditions to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities, and not prevent them from doing so. Please refer to page 18 of the DfE guidance.*

We will ensure that teachers are aware of how a child's medical condition will impact on their participation in any off site activity or day trip, but we will ensure that there is enough flexibility for all children to participate according to their own abilities with in reasonable adjustments.

We will consider what reasonable adjustments we might make to enable children with medical needs to participate fully and safely on visits. We will carry out a risk assessment so that planning arrangements take account of any steps needed to ensure that pupils with medical conditions are included. We will consult with parents and pupils and advice from the relevant healthcare professional to ensure that pupils can participate safely.

Other issues

Please refer to page 18 of the DfE guidance document to write this section.

The governing body may want to consider area's including those listed below and include in their policy on these areas;

Defibrillators

Salbutamol Asthma inhalers for emergency use

Unacceptable practice

Statutory Requirement: The governing body will ensure that the school's policy is explicit about what practice is not acceptable. The areas below have been taken from the DfE guidance document, please refer to page 19 and add in any more that as a premise you feel should be included here.

Staff are expected to use their discretion and judge each child's individual healthcare plan on

its merits, it is not generally acceptable practice to:

- prevent children from easily accessing their inhalers and medication and administering their medication when and where necessary;
- assume that every child with the same condition requires the same treatment;
- ignore the views of the child or their parents; or ignore medical evidence or opinion (although this may be challenged);
- send children with medical conditions home frequently or prevent them from staying for normal school activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their individual healthcare plans;
- if the child becomes ill, send them to the school office or medical room unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable;
- penalise children for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition, eg. hospital appointments;
- prevent pupils from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively;
- require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend school to administer medication or provide medical support to their child, including with toileting issues. No parent should have to give up working because the school is failing to support their child's medical needs; or
- prevent children from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to children participating in any aspect of school life, including school trips eg. by requiring parents to accompany the child.

Liability and Indemnity

Statutory Requirement: The governing body will ensure that the appropriate level of insurance is in place and appropriately reflects the level of risk. *For schools that have brought back in to the County Council's insurance SLA, the text below can be used. In all other cases please refer to page 19-20 of the DfE guidance for this section.*

Staff at the school are indemnified under the County Council self insurance arrangements.

The County Council's is self insured and have extended this self insurance to indemnify school staff who have agreed to administer medication or under take a medical procedure

to children. To meet the requirements of the indemnification, we will ensure that staff at the school have parents permission for administering medicines and members of staff will have had training on the administration of the medication or medical procedure.

Complaints

Statutory Requirement: The governing body will ensure that the school's policy sets out how complaints may be made and will be handled concerning the support provided to pupils with medical conditions. *Please refer to page 20 of the DfE guidance document for this section.*

Should parents or children be dissatisfied with the support provided they can discuss their concerns directly with the Headteacher. If for whatever reason this does not resolve the issue, they may make a formal complaint via the school's complaints procedure.

Signature of Responsible Manager/Headteacher:	
Date:	

Standard Risk Assessment:

Appendix B

Activity	Administration of Medicines	Date of Assessment	
Location		Date of Review	
Name of Risk Assessor		Risk assessment subject to.	Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations

This risk assessment template can be used for specialist areas where a model template does not exist. .

Instructions for Use: This blank risk assessment should be used for any area where there is not already a template risk assessment in place. You will need to ensure that you have identified the common hazards and recognised those people who could be at risk and whether they have any individual requirements. Consider all of the standard controls i.e. those things you need to do to reduce the risk and then confirm all of the standard controls are in place. Check if there is anything further that you may need to do. If all of these components are completed the level of risk for these hazards will have been reduced to the lowest acceptable level. An action plan should be completed if further mitigation is required following the assessment.

Original risk assessments must be kept for a period of 7 years. On completion a hard copy should be printed off and placed in your local/site health and safety folder.

This document should be filed under Hantsfile under Health and Safety Risk Assessment

Standard Risk Assessment:

Administration of Medicines Risk Assessment Guidance

The Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs document produced by the DfE and published in September 2014 for implementing into schools, includes the provision of administration of medicines to pupils.

The school Governors must ensure that a local policy on supporting pupils with medical needs is produced and implemented in the school.

This risk assessment should be completed as part of the process to assist in identifying the specific hazards and control measure that need to be put in place to ensure medication is administered, managed and stored safely and effectively in schools by competent staff.

The hazards and controls measures have been entered into the form however, schools must ensure that they complete the second box titled “Who Might be Harmed and How” by identifying who at the school may be harmed by the hazard, eg. children with medical needs and in same box you should be considering how they might be harmed, ie. what the risk is from the identified hazard and enter this information into the same box.

You must then review the control measures that have already been entered in to the third box and enter into the box titled “Do you need to do anything else to manage the risk” any further measures that need to be implemented locally to ensure that the control measures are met and therefore the risk reduced to a manageable level. If anything else is identified locally to manage the risk the following boxes “Action by Whom”, “Action by When” and “Done” must also be completed. The information should then be transferred onto the action plan at the end of the risk assessment form and used as a live document until all actions have been completed.

An example has been entered in it’s entirety to demonstrate how to completed the form correctly. If this process is followed for all the identified hazards correctly the level of risk should be reduced to lowest possible point.

Once the risk assessment is complete and to ensure that is effective it should be shared with all relevant staff and reviewed periodically.

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p><u>Policy/Procedures</u></p> <p>Lack of policy/procedures</p> <p>Lack of clarity and staff awareness of policy and procedures</p> <p>Failure to follow policy/procedures</p>		<p>Local administration of medicines policy documented for premises</p> <p>Administration of medicines policy provided to staff at induction and periodically thereafter</p> <p>Investigation procedure in place in the event of failure e.g. refresher training, disciplinary procedures or review of policy</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p>Training</p> <p>Lack of awareness training to safely administer medicines e.g. asthmas, epi-pen etc.</p> <p>Lack of awareness training in control and storage of medication</p> <p>Lack of specific awareness training to meet individual needs of children on the premises</p>		<p>Periodic awareness training provided for medical conditions such as asthma or epi-pen etc. by a competent person e.g. school nurse or other medical professional</p> <p>Induction awareness training on local storage procedures and periodic refresher information provided (annually) to relevant staff e.g. policy/procedures</p> <p>Questionnaire (provided by School Nursing Team) to be completed by parents/guardian for pupils on admission to school to ensure medical needs are identified</p> <p>Periodic training provided for specific medical conditions by competent person e.g. school nurse or other medical professional</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p><u>Administration</u></p> <p>Incorrect dosage given</p> <p>Incorrect pupil given medication</p> <p>Out of date medication administered</p>		<p>Medication to be provided in the original container/labelled with the name of the appropriate pupil and dose required</p> <p>Local procedure for checking name and dosage on medication prior to administration</p> <p>Part of local procedure should be to review expiry date prior to administering medication</p>				
<p><u>Controlled Drugs</u></p> <p>Any specific procedures</p>		<p>Only trained staff to administer medication</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p><u>Storage</u></p> <p>No locked cabinet or room in use/available prescribed medicines and controlled drugs not locked away e.g. stored in pigeonholes</p> <p>No secure refrigerator available/in use</p> <p>Medicines not in original containers or clearly labelled</p> <p>Emergency medicines locked away</p>		<p>Locked cabinet (not easily removable) or lockable room for use of storing all medication</p> <p>Ideally a dedicated refrigerator should be used which is in a secure location. If a normal refrigerator is used medicine must be stored in a separate sealed container and clearly labelled</p> <p>Medicines to be provided in the original container labelled with the name of the appropriate pupil</p> <p>All emergency medicines (asthma inhalers, epi-pens etc.) readily available and not locked away.</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p>Consent</p> <p>Lack of parents consent</p> <p>Inappropriate person providing consent</p> <p>Limited information on consent form (leading to lack of clarity)</p> <p>Formal consent forms not used</p>		<p>Parental consent forms to be completed using standard template, provided by department and fully completed by a parent or guardian of child only, providing all relevant information requested</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p>Health Care Plans</p> <p>School unaware that child has health issues requiring monitoring in school</p> <p>No health care plans in place</p> <p>Lack of involvement of family and health care professionals</p> <p>Lack of awareness of health care plan by relevant staff</p>		<p>Process in place for identifying a child who has health issues that require monitoring in school i.e. identifying Children with Health Conditions questionnaire</p> <p>A health care plan must be devised when required in conjunction with appropriate medical practitioner, parents, guardian and Headteacher using standard forms provided by department</p> <p>Health care plans to be provided to all relevant staff</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
<p><u>Record Keeping and Communication</u></p> <p>No record of medicines being administered</p> <p>No tracking system for medication received in and out of premise</p>		<p>Recording forms to be used when medication is administered, which includes information such as parent consent forms, record of prescribed medicines given to a child, staff training awareness record forms</p> <p>Tracking system to be implemented to log when medication is received in and out of premises. This is to be used for every medication administered</p> <p>Tracking system should include the expiry date for medication to enable periodical checks to be carried out, unless another system has been implemented</p> <p>Procedure in place to check with parents when expiry dates are exceeded</p>				

Standard Risk Assessment:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
		Reminder system in place for informing parents of their responsibility of ensuring medication is not expired e.g. newsletter				
<p><u>Disposal of Medication</u></p> <p>Medication not disposed of responsibly</p>		Parents responsibility to safely dispose of medication school has returned to parent				

Standard Risk Assessment:

Action Plan for Risk Assessment

Action Plan to be completed based on the findings of risk assessment. The following actions are to be undertaken to reduce the risk level as far as reasonably practical and to ensure that all of the standard controls and local arrangements are in place.

No.	Hazard not fully controlled	Performance Status	Action required	Person Responsible	Target Date	Date of Completion
		Imminent				
		High				
		Medium				
		Low				
Very low						
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						

Signature of Responsible Manager.....

Date.....

Standard Risk Assessment:

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APPENDIX D

Templates

**Supporting pupils with medical
conditions**

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Introduction

In response to requests from stakeholders during discussions about the development of the statutory guidance for supporting pupils with medical conditions, we have prepared the following templates. They are provided as an aid to schools and their use is entirely voluntary. Schools are free to adapt them as they wish to meet local needs, to design their own templates or to use templates from another source.

Template A: individual healthcare plan

Name of school/setting	
Child's name	
Group/class/form	
Date of birth	
Child's address	
Medical diagnosis or condition	
Date	
Review date	

Family Contact Information

Name	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	
Name	
Relationship to child	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	

Clinic/Hospital Contact

Name	
Phone no.	

G.P.

Name	
Phone no.	

Who is responsible for providing support in school	
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Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms, triggers, signs, treatments, facilities, equipment or devices, environmental issues etc

Name of medication, dose, method of administration, when to be taken, side effects, contra-indications, administered by/self-administered with/without supervision

Daily care requirements

Specific support for the pupil's educational, social and emotional needs

Arrangements for school visits/trips etc

Other information

Describe what constitutes an emergency, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is responsible in an emergency (*state if different for off-site activities*)

Plan developed with

Staff training needed/undertaken – who, what, when

Form copied to

Template B: parental agreement for setting to administer medicine

The school/setting will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the school or setting has a policy that the staff can administer medicine.

Date for review to be initiated by	
Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date of birth	
Group/class/form	
Medical condition or illness	

Medicine

Name/type of medicine <i>(as described on the container)</i>	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions/other instructions	
Are there any side effects that the school/setting needs to know about?	
Self-administration – y/n	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

NB: Medicines must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy

Contact Details

Name	
Daytime telephone no.	
Relationship to child	
Address	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to	[agreed member of staff]

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to school/setting staff administering medicine in accordance with the school/setting policy. I will inform the school/setting immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Template C: record of medicine administered to an individual child

Name of school/setting	
Name of child	
Date medicine provided by parent	
Group/class/form	
Quantity received	
Name and strength of medicine	
Expiry date	
Quantity returned	
Dose and frequency of medicine	

Staff signature _____

Signature of parent _____

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

C: Record of medicine administered to an individual child (Continued)

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Date			
Time given			
Dose given			
Name of member of staff			
Staff initials			

Template E: staff training record – administration of medicines

Name of school/setting	
Name	
Type of training received	
Date of training completed	
Training provided by	
Profession and title	

I confirm that [name of member of staff] has received the training detailed above and is competent to carry out any necessary treatment. I recommend that the training is updated [name of member of staff].

Trainer's signature _____

Date _____

I confirm that I have received the training detailed above.

Staff signature _____

Date _____

Suggested review date _____

Template F: contacting emergency services

Request an ambulance - dial 999, ask for an ambulance and be ready with the information below.

Speak clearly and slowly and be ready to repeat information if asked.

1. your telephone number
2. your name
3. your location as follows [insert school/setting address]
4. state what the postcode is – please note that postcodes for satellite navigation systems may differ from the postal code
5. provide the exact location of the patient within the school setting
6. provide the name of the child and a brief description of their symptoms
7. inform Ambulance Control of the best entrance to use and state that the crew will be met and taken to the patient
8. put a completed copy of this form by the phone

Template G: model letter inviting parents to contribute to individual healthcare plan development

Dear Parent

DEVELOPING AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLAN FOR YOUR CHILD

Thank you for informing us of your child's medical condition. I enclose a copy of the school's policy for supporting pupils at school with medical conditions for your information.

A central requirement of the policy is for an individual healthcare plan to be prepared, setting out what support the each pupil needs and how this will be provided. Individual healthcare plans are developed in partnership between the school, parents, pupils, and the relevant healthcare professional who can advise on your child's case. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support your child effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. Although individual healthcare plans are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that not all children will require one. We will need to make judgements about how your child's medical condition impacts on their ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within plans will depend on the complexity of their condition and the degree of support needed.

A meeting to start the process of developing your child's individual health care plan has been scheduled for xx/xx/xx. I hope that this is convenient for you and would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are able to attend. The meeting will involve [the following people]. Please let us know if you would like us to invite another medical practitioner, healthcare professional or specialist and provide any other evidence you would like us to consider at the meeting as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend, it would be helpful if you could complete the attached individual healthcare plan template and return it, together with any relevant evidence, for consideration at the meeting. I [or another member of staff involved in plan development or pupil support] would be happy for you contact me [them] by email or to speak by phone if this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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APPENDIX E

Please complete the questionnaire below and return it to school

It is important that all children with medical conditions are supported to make sure that they are able to access their education. Some children with medical conditions may need care or medication to manage their health condition and to keep them well during the school day. Could you please complete the questionnaire below and return it to school as soon as possible so that we are able to assess your child's health needs and make arrangements to support them if necessary. In order to ensure that any medical needs are appropriately met in school we may need to discuss your child's health with the School Nursing service or another health professional who is involved in your child's care.

Name of child Date of Birth

Home Address.....

Does your child have a medical condition/ health concern?

YES		NO	
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If YES please give details

Does your child have a medical condition/health concern that needs to be managed during the school day?

YES		NO	
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If YES please give details

Does your child take medication during the school day?

YES		NO	
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If YES please give details

Does your child have a health care plan that should be followed in a medical emergency?

YES		NO	
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If YES please give details

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to the school to discuss this information with the School Nursing service or other health professionals who are involved in my child's care.

Signature(s) _____ Print Name _____
[Parent/ Carer with parental responsibility]

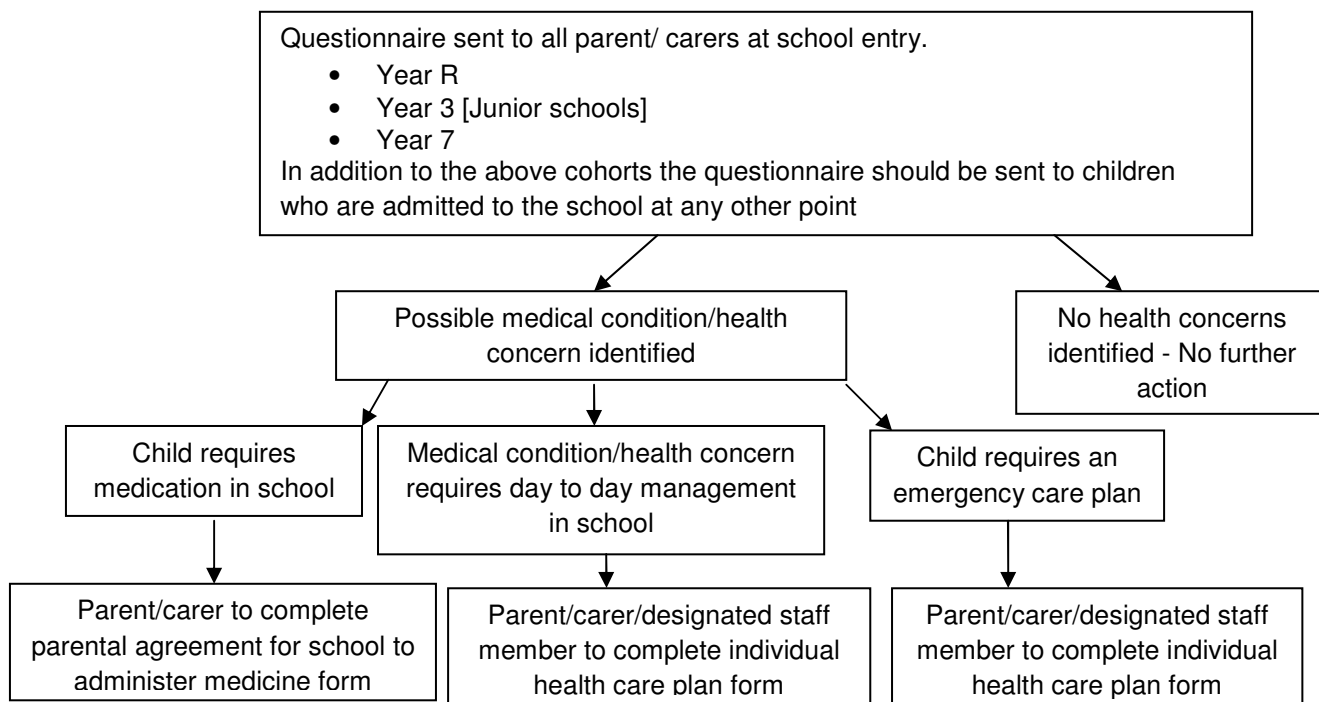
Date _____ Contact number _____



APPENDIX F

Suggested process for identifying children or young people with a medical condition that may require support in school

Not all children with a health condition will require a health care plan in school however the form will help schools to ascertain which children require support. In addition to this schools may be informed at any other point by a parent or health professional if a child is newly diagnosed with a health condition.



Please see sample flowchart below from the Supporting pupils with medical conditions guidance

