

Paediatric Outreach Nursing Team

How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?

Infection control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection control procedures in place. Keeping your hands clean is an effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We ask that you, and anyone visiting you, use the hand sanitiser available at the entrance to every ward before coming in to or after leaving the ward. In some situations hands may need to be washed at the sink using soap and water rather than using the hand sanitiser. Staff will let you know if this is the case.

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Patient/Parent Information Leaflet

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Safe & compassionate care,

every time

Introduction:

The Paediatric Outreach Nursing Team (PONT) are a team of children's nurses who provide nursing care in partnership with children and families, with both short and/or long term nursing needs in a community setting.

What we do:

We work very closely with the Paediatric teams at both Stoke Mandeville and High Wycombe Hospitals and specialist hospitals such as John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford), Great Ormond Street (London) and Kings College Hospital (London).

We care for children aged 0-16 years at home so they can be discharged from hospital earlier. Our aim is to prevent those with chronic health problems becoming hospitalised. We support families and their carers to promote independence, as far as possible.

We help children with the following conditions:

Administration of medications – including intravenous, subcutaneous and intramuscular medication, and care of central lines.

Feeding difficulties – management of children with Gastrostomy feeding tubes, and the teaching and management of naso-gastric tubes.

Post surgery care – including wound dressings

Respiratory Conditions – including Oxygen care at home and children with tracheostomies and ventilator dependent children.

Oncology – Community support

Any nursing procedures that can safely be undertaken at home.

The geographical area we cover

The team cover the majority of Buckinghamshire. If your child is cared for by a Buckinghamshire Healthcare Consultant, occasionally visits can be arranged crossing the Buckinghamshire border.

How do I refer my child to the Community Children's Nursing Team?

A child must be known to a Buckinghamshire Healthcare Consultant for our team to visit them at home.

Referrals are accepted from all healthcare professionals for any child with a nursing need, and can be made by your hospital consultant, school nurse, health visitor or GP.

Working Hours

We offer a 7-days a week service,
Monday – Friday - 8am – 6 pm
Weekends – 10am – 3pm

Contact Us

We can be contacted by parents or healthcare professionals on the following numbers:

Stoke Mandeville Hospital – **01296 315142**
Weekend Telephone - **07827311095**