

Parent/Patient advice sheet - Paediatric Outreach Team

Introduction

The Paediatric Outreach Team provides a range of services to support children aged 0-16 years old (0-19 years old with complex medical needs) at home and in other community settings including schools. The Team care for children at home to reduce hospital admission, minimise the length of stay and promote early discharge whenever it is safe to do so. We work in partnership with children and their families/carers with both short and/or long-term nursing needs and also offer an in-reach service for short term treatments.



The service is provided by an experienced team of children's trained nurses. We work alongside paediatric teams at Stoke Mandeville and High Wycombe Hospital, specialist hospitals such as the John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford), Great Ormond Street Hospital (London) and Kings College Hospital (London).

We act as a link between the hospital and the community helping to coordinate services, promote continuity of care, promote care at home and ensure a seamless transition home from hospital. We provide specialist nursing advice and care for the following:

Administration of medications – including intravenous, subcutaneous and intramuscular medication

Central line care - chemotherapy at home, blood sampling and dressing changes

Enteral Feeding – management of children with gastrostomy devices and the teaching and management of nasogastric tubes

Respiratory Conditions – including oxygen care at home, tracheostomy care and ventilator dependent children

Wound care – post operative, trauma and pressure areas

Renal – HSP, nephrotic syndrome and glomerulonephritis follow up

Urology – home dialysis, catheterisation, and supportive care

Palliative care – end of life care with a 24 hour on call service when required

Any nursing procedure that can be safely undertaken at home or in a community setting

The geographical area we cover:

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

Referrals:

A child must be under the care of a Buckinghamshire Healthcare Consultant for our team to visit them. 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 day a week service

Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm

Weekends and Bank holidays 10am – 3pm

Contact Us:

We can be contacted by parents or healthcare professionals on:

Stoke Mandeville Hospital 01296 838230

Weekend Telephone 078273111095

**How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?**

Infection prevention and control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection prevention and 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 and 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 as hand sanitisers are not suitable for use when dealing with patients who have symptoms of diarrhoea.

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