

Policy on administering prescription medications in special circumstances

Aim

Some medicines need to be administered to enable children with occasional special medication to participate in activities in the nursery at Loseley Fields Children's Centre. These could be a nebuliser for asthma, epinephrine for an allergic reaction or glucagons for insulin.

Methods

Parents/carers will need to fill in the prescribe medication forms and instruct the senior staff when to administer it.

"As needed" Nebuliser treatments for Asthma.

Senior staff may have to administer a nebuliser treatment in response to a mild to moderate asthma attack in a child with a history of Asthma.

- The parents/carers should provide written instructions from their GP for the administration, dosage or frequency.
- The device, nebuliser chamber, tubing and air compressor, in a named bag.

Use of Epinephrine for allergic Reaction – EpiPen

Senior staff may need to administer epinephrine in response to an allergic reaction in a child with known history of serious allergy develops signs and symptoms after an exposure to the causative substance.

- An EpiPen prescribed specifically for that child or staff member.
- Written authorisation from their GP with clear instructions on when and how to administer the drug.
- Senior Staff members must be trained to administer it.

Glucagons treatment for Insulin Shock

Senior Staff may need to administer glucagons in response to a rapid onset of severe insulin shock or hypoglycaemia in a child with insulin-dependent diabetes.

- A prescribed glucagons kit.
- Written authorisation from the GP with specific directions and dosage and method of administration.
- Senior staff members must be trained to administer it.

We will contact the insurance company to notify them of any children who are on any medication.

Useful resources and websites

www.asthma.org.uk

www.epipen.com

www.diabetes.org.uk

This policy was adopted by for Loseley Fields Children Centre.

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