

## Children's Community Nursing Team

### Where are we?

The Children's Community Nursing Team are based on Kipling Ward at Conquest Hospital in St Leonards-on-sea and on Friston Ward at Eastbourne District General Hospital

### Who are we?

We are a team of specialist nurses who provide skilled nursing care and support to babies, children and young people and their families in the familiar environment of their own home.

### Aims of the service

To reduce hospital admissions for children and allow earlier discharge from hospital.

To work in partnership with children and families to provide a flexible and individual service providing nursing support at home for each baby, child and young person who we visit.

### Role of the team

- Providing teaching and practical supervision for parents and carers.
- Nursing care for children with short term and acute conditions such as wound care and administration of intravenous antibiotics.
- Nursing care for children with chronic conditions such as juvenile arthritis.
- Providing advice and support to children, at home with complex health needs including assessments for continuing health care provision.
- Specialist nurse support is provided for children with cancer and cystic fibrosis, including the management of central lines and administration of chemotherapy.
- Nursing care for children with a tracheostomy and home ventilation.
- Nurse led clinics for children with eczema (Kipling only).
- Blood tests for children who require this procedure on a regular basis or who would benefit from having this test carried out at home.
- Care of children requiring home oxygen.
- Care of children with nasogastric, jejunal and gastrostomy tubes.
- Supporting and caring for children with life limiting and life threatening conditions including those requiring end of life care. We often work together with the Demelza Nursing Team and Chestnut Tree House to ensure nurses are available whenever needed.
- We are able to organise admission to hospital when necessary for children who have complex care needs and are normally cared for at home.
- We work closely with local G.P's, health visitors, and school nurses.
- We communicate with the nursing and medical teams from specialist hospitals.

### Team Contact Details

After referral to the service from your Consultant Paediatrician or ward staff, one of the community nurses will make contact with you and arrange a home visit. If your child is in hospital one of the nursing staff will meet you on the ward.

### **Children's Community Nurses based at Conquest Hospital:**

- Office number 01424 755470 Ext: 8504
- Liz Parker 07814285637
- Linda Wratten 07825 932567
- Kayleigh Beattie 07786 707381
- Sara Emery Hill 07972245165

### **Children's Community Nurses based at Eastbourne DGH:**

- Office number 01323 413849
- Louise Pike 07774 904548
- Lucy Daly 07788 415327

## **Availability**

The Children's Community Nursing Team is available on weekdays between 8.00 and 17:30. After 17.30hrs and at weekends and on Bank Holidays, please contact either:

**Kipling Ward, Conquest Hospital** – Tel: (01424) 758039 or  
**Friston Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit, Eastbourne DGH** – Tel: (01323) 414946  
[Open until 21.00 Mon-Friday and from 10.00 to 18.00 hours Saturday and Sunday] outside of these hours please contact Kipling Ward.

## **Equipment**

We have a supply of equipment which we lend to families to support the care of their child at home. This will require yearly maintenance which the nursing team will organise.

## **Supplies**

We will order supplies for your child ready for when they are discharged home from hospital.

If your child's care is provided by the team from Kipling Ward, then the supplies will be delivered to Kipling for you to collect from there.

If your child's care is provided by the team from Friston ward, then the supplies will be delivered to the ward if you live in the Eastbourne area, or Newhaven rehab centre, Uckfield Hospital, Orchard house in Lewes or Grove House at Crowborough hospital.

When you require further supplies, please ring the office numbers and leave us a message. It usually takes two weeks from ordering for the supplies to arrive.

## **Role in education**

We visit schools, nurseries and respite centres and can provide nursing care in these settings. We also teach staff how to carry out some procedures for children that are required on a regular basis while away from home.

## **Students**

We will sometimes have a student nurse working with us for a few weeks placement to learn about care of children in their home environment.

## Important information

This patient information is for guidance purposes only and is not provided to replace professional clinical advice from a qualified practitioner.

## Your comments

We are always interested to hear your views about our leaflets. If you have any comments, please contact the Patient Experience Team – Tel: (01323) 417400 Ext: 5860 or by email at: [esh-tr.patientexperience@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.patientexperience@nhs.net)

## Hand hygiene

The trust is committed to maintaining a clean, safe environment. Hand hygiene is very important in controlling infection. Alcohol gel is widely available at the patient bedside for staff use and at the entrance of each clinical area for visitors to clean their hands before and after entering.

## Other formats

**If you require any of the Trust leaflets in alternative formats, such as large print or alternative languages, please contact the Equality and Human Rights Department.**

**Tel: (01424) 755255 Ext: 2620**

After reading this information are there any questions you would like to ask? Please list below and ask your nurse or doctor.

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## Reference

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The following clinicians have been consulted and agreed this patient information:

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