

MEDICATION POLICY & PROCEDURES

1. General Statement:

Only prescribed medication may be administered by trained staff at the Let's Play Project as stated in the Oxfordshire Shared Care Protocol.

2. Policy:

- 2.1. All medicines that are administered at the Let's Play Project must be accompanied by "Consent for a Care Worker to Administer Prescribed Medication Form" (see Appendix 1) which a Parent/Guardian and a member of the Core Team will fill out. The form includes the name of the medication, strength, dosage, when it is to be given and the expiry date.
- 2.2. A new "Medicine Administration Permission Form" must be completed by the Parent/Guardian and a member of the Core Team if there is a change to the dosage or medication and the old form must be kept and archived.

3. Procedures:

- 3.1. The Let's Play Project will only administer medication to a Young Person if the following criteria are met (once a "Consent for a Care Worker to Administer Prescribed Medication Form" has been completed):
 - 3.1.1. All medication **must be prescribed** and will only be given to the person named on the bottle/box for the dosage stated. All medicines must be in their original containers, clearly labelled, legible, show an expiry date and a dispense date and not tampered with or we will be unable to administer them.
 - 3.1.2. Before administration the Core Team member or Session Leader will always check with the parents when the last dosage was administered before administering more medication.

- 3.1.3. The Core Team member or Session Leader will check the expiry date on the medication before agreeing to administer it, but it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure they are passing over medication which is in date.
- 3.1.4. Medication will then be locked away in the office and will be stored in the medicine cabinet which is clearly labelled, the cabinet will be open during sessions, but Young People don't have access to the office due to the doubled coded door.
- 3.1.5. If medication has gone out of date or is no longer needed which the Let's Play Project have in their possession, then it will be given back to the parent/guardian.
- 3.1.6. Oral medication will only be administered to a Young Person by the members of staff who have attended the "Medication Awareness" training which covers handling, administration, safety, storage and record keeping within the past year which is conducted by a qualified NHS Community Nurse. By partaking in this training, it means the member of staff is competent to administer oral medication.
- 3.1.7. Medication can only be given via a gastrostomy by members of staff who have also attended the "Medication Awareness" training and who have been signed off by a qualified NHS Community Nurse at the Let's Play Project to give a specific medication to a specific Young Person.
- 3.1.8. The names of the staff members signed off to give gastrostomy medication, is kept in the medicine folder which is located in the kitchen.
- 3.1.9. Once a member of staff has administered medication to a Young Person they must fill out the "Medication Administration Record Form" (Appendix 2) as stated in the Oxfordshire Shared Care Protocol. The staff member must fill out their name, initials, date, time and route the medicine has been administered. If the medication is not given the reason must be stated on the form.
- 3.1.10. Staff need to feedback to parents what time the medication was administered to the Young Person as this may affect future doses during the day.
- 3.1.11. In the event of a Young Person needing to have their emergency seizure medication administered as stated in their seizure protocol; a First Aider who has been signed off by the qualified NHS Community Nurse at the Let's Play Project must administer the medication as Buccal Midazolam



can stop breathing. If their emergency medication needs to be given, the ambulance needs to be called at the time of administration and inform the young person's parents by phone. The time the seizure started needs to be recorded along with the length of the seizure and the time the emergency medication was given so this can be passed onto the paramedics.

NOTE: Staff are signed off by the qualified NHS Community Nurse for each individual Young Person's emergency seizure medication as stated in their NHS Seizure Protocol. If parents/guardians have not provided a copy of their Young Person's NHS Seizure Protocol but have given us their Young Person's emergency seizure medication, Let's Play Project staff are not permitted to administer their emergency seizure medication – it will then be passed onto the Paramedics when they arrive.

If a Young Person develops a high temperature (over 37.5C) a senior member of staff will assess the situation and contact the parent/guardian to make suitable arrangements. If their temperature reaches 39C or above the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their Young Person with immediate effect and/or urgent medical advice will be sought. The Let's Play Project does not store Calpol for general use.

Any medication errors must be reported to parents immediately by phone call and to Kay Willis 01865 894866 / 07920252095 and Erin Harker at Oxfordshire County Council within 1 working day. Procedure for overdose – Ring 111 for advice and seek medical attention if required, Inform Parents, Document Events, Investigation into error to be compiled. Inform Contracts Team and Community Nursing Team.

