

School Nursing

consent: information

for parents and carers

Consent to treatment and sharing of information

While your child/young person is in the care of the School Nursing team, we will do all we can to make sure they are kept safe. Here's how we look after their privacy and any sensitive information we need to gather relating to them.

As with adults, young people have a right to confidentiality, if they are not placing themselves or others at risk of harm.

School Nurses see children/young people in school following a referral from parent or carers, professionals or the young person themselves. Older children are frequently seen on their own. Following an initial appointment with the School Nursing service, a plan will be agreed outlining the goals for working with us. We will also explain what kind of support is offered and what may be expected from the service. In attending appointments, consent to the School Nursing service is assumed.

Where young people have the capacity to make decisions about their care, they are entitled to request who they wish to be involved within their support network. The School Nursing service will always encourage the involvement of their parents/carers and others who can support the young person as in most cases they play a valuable part in their care. School Nurses will explore with the young person who these people are, what they may need to know, and identify what information they feel comfortable sharing.

No information will be shared with the school or others without your child's consent.

The only reason why School Nurses might have to consider passing on confidential information without the young person's permission would be in very rare circumstances to protect them or someone else from serious harm. We would always try to discuss this with them first.

Appointments and care with the School Nurse will be reviewed regularly to make sure they continue to meet the young person's needs.

Details of the appointment and care given will be stored on our electronic health record system. Only someone involved in the health care of the child/young person or with legal authority has a right to access this record and may see details of the contact. If a referral has been made to our service, the referrer will be informed whether or not the School Nursing team accept the referral and detailing the action that will be taken. GPs will be informed about enuresis service treatment and outcomes.

If you need to contact us...

We have a phone line for parents and carers, and for young people in Year 9 and above. It covers Bracknell Forest, Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

Call: **0330 365 0110**

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