**Supporting Children with Medical Conditions in Early Years Settings – FAQ**

**What statutory guidance do I need to follow?**

Advice from the DfE: The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe and the standards set out within this document should be met before other advice is considered on top of it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (DfE) can be used as an advice document as it provides “best-practice” information and is the most up to date reference point for the issues it covers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions--3>

**Will supporting children with medical conditions form part of my inspection?**

Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions is included in the definition of safeguarding in Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings (Ofsted)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills-from-september-2015>

**Do I need to produce an individual healthcare plan for children with medical conditions in my setting?**

Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (DfE) provides advice on when to draw up an individual healthcare plan. (This is not the same as an Education, Health and Care plan EHC)

A suggested format for an individual healthcare plan can be found on Kelsi:

<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/early-years/equality-and-inclusion/including-all-children>

**Where can I find information and advice on a range of medical conditions?**

The Health Conditions in School Alliance is made up of over 30 organisations, including charities, healthcare professionals and trade unions who work collaboratively to make sure children with health conditions get the care they need in school. They provide links to a range of charities and organisations.

<http://medicalconditionsatschool.org.uk/>

You can also look on individual charity and organisations’ websites.

**Do I need to inform my insurers if I need to administer medication or treatment?**

Check your policy documentation and if in any doubt contact your insurers for clarification.

**Do I need a written policy on giving medication?**

Settings are required to follow the standards set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

More information can be found in be found in the Ofsted factsheet Giving medication to children in registered childcare:

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20141124154759/http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-giving-medication-children-registered-childcare](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20141124154759/http%3A//www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-giving-medication-children-registered-childcare)

**Where can I find information regarding infectious diseases?**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities)