



How can young people access the medical needs service?

Schools can refer young people to the medical needs service

Schools should consult with families and young people to gain consent for the referral and gather all the information required.

Referrals should include relevant and recent information and advice from an appropriate health professional who has seen and assessed the young person.

Feedback will be given to the school and family as to the outcome of the referral.

If the referral is accepted, the Short Stay School for Norfolk will contact the referring school and family to initiate planning and provision.

Medical needs provision will be reviewed regularly, and reintegration planning for the child's return to school initiated when appropriate.

For more information:

Professionals and families can contact Norfolk County Council's medical needs coordinator for information and advice:

01603 223609

medicalneeds@norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk County Council's Medical Needs Service policy is available at

www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk

Department for Education guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions is available at **www.gov.uk**

The Norfolk County Council Local Offer – with information about a range of local services and information is available at **www.norfolk.gov.uk/send**



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Young people with medical needs in schools

Information for families, young people and educational professionals



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What are medical needs?

Children and young people may be affected by a wide range of health conditions which impact on their ability to attend school.

Children with medical conditions should be able to access and enjoy the same opportunities at school as any other child.

A child with a medical condition may have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) which is available to school staff. This is an agreement between parents/ guardians, the school and healthcare professionals about the care a child needs and how it will be carried out.

If a child has special educational needs and disability (SEND) and a medical condition, their IHP can be used to help inform their Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

How can schools work with families to support young people with health conditions?

Every school should have a medical conditions policy which is regularly reviewed and is available to parents/ guardians and staff.

This should include information on:

- How the policy will be implemented and who within the school takes overall responsibility
- IHPs and who within the school develops them and communicates information to the wider staff team
- How staff will access appropriate training to support pupils with medical conditions and manage medication needs or any specific health-related procedures
- How staff will identify and manage emergency situations

If a medical condition results in a pupil's short-term absence, the school should look for ways to minimise disruption to study. This might mean sending work home or looking at setting work electronically.

How does Norfolk County Council work with families and schools?

Norfolk County Council is committed to ensuring that all children and young people in the county receive a good education to help reach their learning potential.

The Norfolk Local Offer aims to ensure that all young people are given the opportunity of an inclusive education to meet their specific needs. If a young person of compulsory school age is unable to attend school for 15 days or more due to illness, Norfolk County Council is responsible for arranging suitable education 'medical needs provision'.

Norfolk County Council commissions the Short Stay School for Norfolk to deliver education for children who cannot attend school due to medical needs.

This may include home learning support/ e-learning/ small hub working and is planned in partnership with the family/ young person, school and medical needs team.