

Early Years - Medical Needs Pathway

Child with a Medical Need

e.g. allergy, epilepsy, diabetes, asthma

Child's Name:	D.O.B.	Setting:
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1. CARRY OUT RISK ASSESSMENT:

Using the Medical Needs Pack, Child Based Risk Assessment and Early Support in Childcare Pathway and Plan - contact your Early Start Team for advice (if needed). Ideally this should happen before the child starts in the setting.

The Manager should ensure that the following areas are considered as part of the proposed control measures:

	YES	NO	COMMENTS	DATE
Information from parents - including the level of child's condition i.e. the likelihood of an event occurring, guidance from other agencies involved. Are there any triggers for the child's condition? If so could they be reduced??				
Staff awareness (including supply staff) NB. Confidentiality				
Staff training - First Aid, procedures provided by a competent person with required knowledge, skills and ability (if applicable)				
Storage of medication and supervision (if applicable - as per Daycare Standards)				
Parental responsibility re. medication				
Safe food list (if applicable)				
Siting of Health Care Plan and Emergency contact sheet				
Support required to meet the child's needs e.g. staff, resources				
Emergency arrangements in the event of a serious incident				
Contacting your Insurance company (if applicable)				
Daily Diary for child - home/setting				
Awareness for parents of other children N.B. Confidentiality				

2. ASSESS THE RISK:

HIGH RISK

Can this be reduced?

If the child is already in the setting and you cannot carry out the risk control measures immediately, OfSTED advice that the child should not be in the setting. Agree a timescale for readmission based on completion of the risk control measures, which will reduce the risk to medium or low.

If you are unable to complete all the risk control measures, the risk remains high. Contact your Early Start Team for advice.

MEDIUM RISK

Medium risk will be based on the severity of the child's condition. Even if the risk control measures are implemented successfully, if the child's condition is severe, the risk of an event occurring will remain at medium.

LOW RISK

If the risk control measures have been successfully implemented and the child's condition is not severe, the risk will be low.

3. FOR FURTHER ADVICE:

- Contact the Early Start Team
- Refer to Local documents, "Child Based Risk Assessment", Medical Needs pack and Early Support in Childcare Pathway and Plan (all available from the Early Start Team)
- Refer to DOH/Dfes document "Managing Medicines in Early Years Settings" (Ref 1448-2005 DCL-EN)
- Refer to Ofsted Day Care Standards – Standard 7

4. REVIEW:

The Child Risk Assessment should be monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed at least annually

Parents to inform setting of any changes in medication/condition immediately, the risk assessment may need to be altered.

5. COPYRIGHT AND DISCLAIMER INFORMATION:

See sheet attached.