

POLICY AND PROCEDURE



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Dealing with Sick Children or Adults

Category: staff and volunteers

Introduction

This policy is to protect every person attending any SoLO project.

Policy Statement

Relating to illness and infectious diseases:

If a child or adult is generally unwell during the period that the project is running, the following guidelines will apply:

- If the child or adult has been sick or had diarrhoea or a temperature, they must not come onto the project for **at least 48** hours from the last time they displayed symptoms. This is a directive from the Chief Medical Officer and helps to prevent illness spreading.
- If a child or adult is receiving medication from a doctor (e.g. antibiotics) but are no longer infectious (the parents or carers will need to receive confirmation of this fact from the doctor) they may attend the project, but we will require a medical consent form to be completed with full details of dosage.

If a child or adult is taken ill on the project e.g. they are sick, have diarrhoea or a temperature:

- The child or adult will be **immediately** isolated from the other service users, supported by a member of staff (two if the isolated site is out of the general view of the project)
- The child or adult's parents or carers will be contacted **immediately** and the child will need to be taken home or for medical treatment by the parents or carers (if deemed appropriate)

- Any gloves or cloths used in dealing with the incident will be disposed of and any other equipment washed with disinfectant to minimise cross infection.
- The child or adult **must not** be brought back to the project until 48 hours after the last display of symptoms.
- In the event that the disease is subsequently found to be within the serious **communicable disease category** (the doctor will advise), the parents **must** notify the project leader and an immediate written communication must be sent out to all parents, carers, workers and volunteers.

Communicable disease category:

- An umbrella term for all contagious and infectious disease
- A contagious disease is transmitted by physical contact between people.
- An infectious disease is transmitted by air or water

If in doubt contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647

Relating to detection of Head Lice:

If any child or adult is identified as having head lice their parent/carer should be informed immediately and asked to collect them. The individual should be discreetly distanced from other members whilst awaiting collection, and should not return to any SoLO project until treatment has cleared the lice. Staff or children who have been in close contact with the individual prior to detection should be advised to check own hair and use treatment as necessary.

Linked with: policies:

Health & Safety (RIDDOR)
Incident Reporting

The following Appendix provides guidance on Communicable Diseases (1988 Registered List of notifiable communicable diseases, non-notifiable include MRSA, flu, gastroenteritis and scabies)

Appendix one

1. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND SPECIAL HEALTH ISSUES TO BE PROGRESSIVELY COVERED BY THE COMMUNITY NETWORK

1.1 For the diseases/health issues listed below, surveillance within the EU network will be performed by standardised collection and analysis of data in a way that will be determined for each disease/health issue where specific EU surveillance networks are put in place.

2. DISEASES

2.1 Diseases preventable by vaccination

Diphtheria
Infections with haemophilus influenza group B
Influenza
Measles
Mumps
Pertussis
Poliomyelitis
Rubella

2.2 Sexually transmitted diseases

Chlamydia infections
Gonococcal infections
HIV-infection
Syphilis

2.3 Viral hepatitis

Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis C

2.4 Food- and water-borne diseases and diseases of environmental origin

Botulism
Campylobacteriosis
Cryptosporidiosis
Giardiasis
Infection with Enterohaemorrhagic *E.coli*
Leptospirosis
Listeriosis
Salmonellosis
Shigellosis

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Toxoplasmosis
Trichinosis
Yersinosis

2.5 Other diseases

2.5.1. *Diseases transmitted by non-conventional agents*

Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies variant (CJD)

2.5.2. *Air-borne diseases*

Legionellosis
Meningococcal disease
Pneumococcal infections
Tuberculosis

2.5.3. *Zoonoses (other than in 2.4)*

Brucellosis
Echinococcosis
Rabies

2.5.4. *Serious imported diseases*

Cholera
Malaria
Plague
Viral haemorrhagic fevers

3. SPECIAL HEALTH ISSUES

3.1 Nosocomial infections

3.2 Antimicrobial resistance