Medicine Policy

Administration Of Medication

Medication will be administered under the following conditions and in accordance with our insurance policy.

Long-term conditions

Daisy Chain recognises that some children may to have regular medication for long-term conditions. This policy helps to provide a positive approach to meeting the needs of the child and their parent/carers.

Duties of the parent/carers

- To inform the Manager/Supervisor about the child's health care needs before admission, and give written consent for the administration of drugs if applicable.
- To provide the medication in for use and clearly labelled.
- To inform staff of any side effects the medication may have.
- To inform staff of any medication already taken that day
- To inform staff or Manager of any changes to the child's condition or their medication.

Administration

Prescribed Medication (except injections) must be administered in accordance with the doctor's instructions on the dispensing label and/or as directed on the parent/carer consent form/letter.

Prescribed Medication (injections and other special administration techniques) may only be undertaken after an appropriate professional has trained the staff team. This level of training must be equal to the training received by the parents/carers.

Training for staff must include:

- Recognition of the onset of symptoms requiring the special care and treatment.

- How to treat, and when outside help must be obtained.

Short-term conditions

It is not our policy to administer medication on a short term basis and in accordance to our prospectus. However, with a signed declaration from the parents/ guardian we will administer Calpol if a child has a temperature of 38C or above while awaiting for the child to be collected. We will also, with a signed declaration administer Piriton if a child displays signs of an allergic reaction.
To prevent the spread of illness the child is kept at home for 48 hours after they appear to have recovered.

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