

For further information

Please visit our website for more information on the School Nursing Service:

www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing

Comments or complaints

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust offer high quality services and aim to be as helpful as possible. If however you are dissatisfied by our service then we would like to know so that we can make improvements.

Please contact:

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Tel: **0800 011 6113**

10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday
Messages can be left outside these hours.
pals.hchs@nhs.net

School Nurse contact details:

Hertsmere & Watford Schools

The Avenue Clinic, Watford, WD17 3NU
Tel: 01923 470650

Email: HCNT.DACWAT@nhs.net

For more information please visit:

Health for Kids! <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

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Hertfordshire Public Health Nursing Service: School Nursing

The Healthy Child Programme



The Public Health Nursing Service in Hertfordshire promotes a healthy lifestyle for school aged children between the ages of 5-19.

The Team can advise or signpost on a range of health issues that can affect a child or young person. These may include:

- Assessment and advice for emotional and mental health issues
- Sexual Health
- Healthy eating and weight management
- Soiling and constipation
- Immunisation advice
- Support for young carers
- Health conditions requiring medication in school

The Public Health Nursing team support families at times when extra help is needed, such as help with parenting, emotional difficulties and coping with long term health conditions.

During your child's first year in school (reception) we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire about your child's health and wellbeing. Once you have completed this we may contact you to discuss your child's health further.

Children and young people complete an online health assessment in year 6 and year 9 also.

Please contact your local school health department (details on reverse) should you wish to discuss any health concerns of your child or to complete a referral form available on our website.

It is important that all children are fully immunised prior to starting school including having their pre-school booster and second MMR. Please contact your GP if your child has not received these immunisations or you have any concerns regarding this.

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust is committed to protecting your privacy and will process the information you provide in a manner that is compliant with the data protection act. Health information about your child will only be shared with your consent.

Information will not be shared with any other outside agency unless it is necessary for the protection of a child or vulnerable adult.

School entrance screening

All children in reception have their height and weight measured, and their distance vision and hearing checked. If your child has not had these completed in their previous school and you are concerned please contact us. Parents and carers are informed of the results. Any results which may have an effect on your child's education (hearing or vision) will be shared with their class teacher.

If you do not wish your child to be seen please contact us within two weeks of receiving this leaflet.