

## **Islington Community Children's Nursing Team**

### **Scope of our team**

- Patients must have Islington GP, use this tool to help: [www.gov.uk/find-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)
- 7 day a week service 8am- 6pm
- We care for children and young people from birth to 18 years
- We are a large, friendly, very skilled team of experienced children's nurses and support workers
- We work collaboratively with community and allied health care professionals in Islington: Speech and Language Therapists, Dieticians, Physiotherapists, Occupational therapists, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Special Educational Needs Schools, CAMHS, Paediatricians.
- We work closely with secondary care consultants, CNSs and ward teams .e.g. UCLH, Whittington Hospital and Royal Free Hospital.
- We liaise with tertiary care- GOSH, Chelsea and Westminster, Royal London Hospital/ Barts, Evelina, Stanmore Hospital.

## When to refer

The million dollar question: **IS THERE A NURSING NEED???**

It is sometimes difficult to work this one out but it is always worth thinking about these:

### **Does the child have SLT/ Physio /Dietician input on the ward?**

If the answer is yes to one or more of these, the chances are that they may also need CCN input on discharge.

If in doubt please ring the CCN team on: **0203 316 1950**. Our administrators (Miles, Louise, Eleanor) will happily take a message.

**Or try thinking...** If you were the parent/ carer of the child going home, would you worry about anything .e.g. If my child's NGT comes out what happens, where do I get syringes/ medical supplies, or what happens with the next dressing/ blood test? How do I get more medicines?

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## How to help us

Advance warning of discharge makes it easier for us to prepare and to troubleshoot. For example: 1 week before discharge is great, 1 day before or the day of discharge can be very tricky.

Include us in any discharge planning meetings where possible, or email us the meeting minutes.

It also really helps when we get to meet the family before discharge.

## Making the referral

Ring the CCN team on: **0203 316 1950**

Fill out the standard North Central London Community Nurse Referral Form.

Add as much information as you can and want- discharge summaries, clinic letters, feed plan, drug charts if applicable, PICC line details, follow up arrangements and relevant contact details.

Email to: [whh-tr.IslingtonChildrensNursing@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.IslingtonChildrensNursing@nhs.net)

