

## **Policy - Medical Treatment by Leaders**

It may be that your child has a medical condition that Scout Leaders need to be aware of. This must be declared on the joining form. You must also provide details to the Leader in Charge of a section meeting/event if the condition requires any specific action to be taken to safeguard your child.

If your child requires anything other than simple first aid for unforeseen incidents or if your child has a pre-existing condition that may require treatment or first aid then the plan below must be completed and agreed with the Section Leader. It is of particular importance if your child is at a higher medical risk than the rest of the section.

In particular the form below must accompany any medication that you provide for your child, which medication and form must be in a box or bag appropriate for the expected conditions.

In the event of a medical emergency involving your child the scout leaders will act in accordance with their training, taking into account any information you provide on the plan.

It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication provided is in date, in good condition and sufficient to cope with a worst case scenario. Should medication be out of date, or not in good condition, or inappropriately packed then your child may not be able to attend the meeting/event. Should there be any issue with the medicine then, after consulting with your GP/consultant, you must discuss this with the Leader in Charge well before the session/event.

NB. The NHS now recognises that people with severe allergies that make them at risk of anaphylaxis require to carry two (2) epinephrine autoinjectors, these are also called epi-pens or epinephrine autoinjectors. In Scouting where we may be some distance from where a road-going ambulance can access in minutes, or where we may be in places that are difficult to find, we consider that carrying two autoinjectors is essential. If your child also carries corticosteroids for treatment of anaphylaxis then they should also carry two doses of corticosteroids.

If and when your child's condition, required treatment or medication changes then revise this plan, give it to and discuss it with the Leader in Charge.

## Medical Action Plan – Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout.

Any Scout, which includes Beaver Scout and Cub Scout, with a pre-existing medical condition that requires or may require a Scout Leader to give first aid or medical care must have one of these plans completed. This plan must be given to, and explained to, the Leader in Charge of the section meeting or event and included in any bag/box containing medication for the condition which bag/box must have the scout's name clearly visible on it.

Name of Scout				
Parent/NoK	Name		Mobile	
GP	Name		Phone	
Hospital/Consultant	Name		Phone	

Description of the condition and last occurrence

Has the scout been hospitalised before for this condition? If so give date of last hospital visit, circumstances and hospital contact details.

### Everyday Care

What does the scout require every day to manage this condition? Treatment, medication, dose, frequency. Things to be done and avoided.

### When The Condition Worsens

What is likely to make the condition worse? What symptoms become present when the condition worsens and what should be done? Treatment, medication, dose, frequency. Things to be done and avoided. When should emergency medical help be sought, i.e. call GP or go to A&E.

### When Immediate Action is Required

What circumstances cause the condition to require immediate action. What symptoms indicate that immediate action is required? What immediate action is required. Treatment, medication, dose, frequency. Things to be done and avoided. When should emergency medical help be sought, i.e. call 999

