

30th March 2020

Woodview Child Development Centre

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Coronavirus Interim Arrangements for Community Paediatric Prescriptions

In response to the Coronavirus situation it has been agreed from Monday 30th March 2020 the Community Paediatric Service will provide 3 monthly repeat prescriptions for **most** children treated with medication for ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and/or sleep difficulties. For some children it may be clinically appropriate to continue with monthly prescriptions.

I am pleased to confirm that parents/carers can continue to request repeat prescriptions in the usual way by email Halton.prescriptions@nhs.net or using the automated telephone prescription line on **01928 593042**. Please remember to allow 5 working days' notice for your child's repeat prescriptions to be available for collection from:

- Woodview Child Development Centre 10am – 3pm
- Lister Road Clinic 10am – 3pm

We respectfully ask that you do not collect in person if you or a member of your household are currently self-isolating and/or have any symptoms of coronavirus. For your information I have enclosed a copy of the public health advice when visiting health buildings.

Until further notice the doctors will now be offering ADHD review medication consultations by telephone and medication will only be changed in exceptional circumstances. The Community Paediatric Service will contact you to arrange a telephone consultation appointment when your child's 6 monthly review appointment becomes due.

During this difficult time it remains important for all children on ADHD medication to have their height, weight and blood pressure monitored at least every 3-6 months. Therefore the Neurodevelopmental Nursing Team (NDNT) may contact you to arrange a clinic appointment for these measures to be completed. We expect that this appointment will only take 10 minutes and the nurses will take steps to keep you safe.

Chief Executive: Colin Scales

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If your child has not been seen by the Paediatric Service for 6 months or more please contact the NDN Team to arrange a height, weight and blood pressure measurement appointment on **0151 495 5418**.

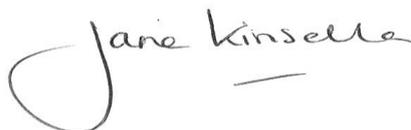
The public are key to helping stop the spread of the virus. Please help by following the advice to:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- To avoid the spread of coronavirus, you should only leave your home:
 - To shop for basic essentials – only when you really need them
 - To do one form of exercise a day with your family – such as a run, walk or cycle, alone or with other people you live with
 - For any medical need – eg. To visit a pharmacy or deliver essential supplies to a vulnerable person
 - To travel to and from work – but only where this is absolutely necessary

The best and latest information on the symptoms of coronavirus and what you need to do can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any urgent concerns about your condition as a result of this change please contact our Patient Services team via email at bchft.patientservices@nhs.net in the first instance / Telephone number 0800 587 0562 Monday – Friday 9 - 4.30pm

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Kinsella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Jane Kinsella

Clinical Manager

On behalf of the Community Paediatric Service