



8.2 Supporting CYP with Medical Needs

Children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to early year's settings as other children. Most children will at sometime have a short term medical need. Some children, however, may have longer term medical needs and may require medicines on a long term basis to keep them well.

All Early Years settings have duties under Equalities Act 2010, Children and Families Act 2014, the EYFS and must have regard for the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice.

- To promote equality of opportunity for disabled children
- Provide inclusive practice
- Remove barriers to learning
- Ensure children with medical conditions get the support they need
- Make reasonable adjustments including aids to prevent disadvantage

Medical needs could be visible, for example, being tube-fed (gastrostomy) or hidden, for example, mental ill health.

Settings will need to work in close partnership with parents/carers to support CYP with medical needs.

CYP with medical needs may be absent from setting due to ill health or hospitalisation. Absences could be intermittent or for extended periods. Settings will need to manage this sensitively and work in partnership with parent/carers to support the transitions.

A clear policy on the administration of medication should be understood and accepted by staff, parents and children. It will provide a sound basis for ensuring children with medical needs receive proper care and support in the setting.

An Individual Health Care Plan will help staff to identify the necessary safety measures to support children with medical needs and ensure that they and others are not put at risk.

Further advice and guidance

Useful websites

The South Glos Way: A SEND and inclusion toolkit for South Gloucestershire education settings and professionals

[What is an Individual Health Care Plan \(IHCP\)? \(educare.co.uk\)](https://educare.co.uk)

[Supporting a child with medical needs in school | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://southglos.gov.uk)