



# Services for Young Children

## Blog article

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### **Medical Conditions and EpiPen Training**

There have been a number of enquiries around managing the medical needs of children and this item aims to provide some information that will be helpful for settings in considering how they can meet the needs of children with medical needs within their settings.

All Early Years providers should take steps to ensure that children with medical conditions get the support they require to meet those needs and make anticipatory reasonable adjustments for them. This is set out in the EYFS framework and SEND Code of Practice.

Provider's policies should set out clearly how staff will be supported in carrying out the role of meeting the needs of a child with medical conditions and how this will be reviewed. The policy should be clear regarding the following areas:

- Individual health care plans should be in place which outline the child's support needs and staff training requirements
- Staff providing support to a child with medical needs should have received suitable training that ensures they are competent and confident in their ability to fulfil requirements as set out in the individual health care plans.
- Providers and staff should ensure that they have sufficient information about the medical condition of any child with long-term medical needs. The family of a child will often be key in providing relevant information to a provider about how their child's needs can be met and parents should always be asked for their views and advice. Advice should be sought from relevant healthcare professionals as necessary.
- Providers should ask parents about any medicines that their child needs to take and ask them to provide details of any changes to the prescription or support required. If the administration of prescription medicines requires technical / medical knowledge then training should be provided for staff as appropriate.

Depending on the type of health need it may be the responsibility of the provider, Health partners or the Local Authority to source and contribute the cost. SfYC have specifically received a number of enquiries with regards to whose responsibility it is to meet the cost of EpiPen training. We have sought advice from our partners in Public Health and it has been confirmed that settings would be expected to source and meet the cost of EpiPen training in the same way that they are required to source and meet the cost of appropriate first aid training.

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