

**Guidance for obtaining
Emergency Medication for School
e.g. Adrenaline Pens and Asthma Inhalers**

1. At least 2 weeks prior to medication expiring or immediately if there is any fault noted with the medication and/or there is not enough available, School should contact parent/carer by phone-call and then send home standard letter (Form 6a/6b) found within the ASL Healthcare Planning documents.
2. If no medication made available within 2 school days, follow up by phone call and document outcome. Medication must be available within 2 school days of the expiry date of the previous medication, otherwise proceed as indicated below;
3. School Nursing Request for Assistance form should be completed to involve the School Nursing Service or refer to the Health Visitor for pre-school children. The School Nurse/Health Visitor can support parents in obtaining prescription medication required in school by liaising with the GP and pharmacy directly with consent.
4. Where the parent/carer has refused to consent to support from health professionals and there is no medication within school for this child/young person (in date and in working order) then child protection procedures should be followed (welfare concern into Social Care Direct). We cannot safely accept this child into school/nursery.

Young people over the age of 16 years old can self-consent to a referral into school nursing for support in obtaining medication.