



Gastrostomy Protocols

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- In the interests of infection control, young people are only to be administered their nutrients using their own equipment which should be stored in their clearly labelled box.
- Communication with parents/carers to ensure all equipment in gastro boxes is replaced, if possible, every two weeks. Each young person's file contains a record sheet for staff to monitor and ensure equipment is replaced regularly.
- Please inventory all equipment and supplements that are sent into school/college.
- All staff supporting with this medical intervention must have completed the underpinning knowledge training annually and been signed off as competent by the School Health advisor. Staff are responsible to schedule these assessments with the Health professionals and forward the final completed competency written assessment to the Director of care and Everyone Learning.
- Staff must ensure that each young person has a spare gastro button or gastro plug available at all times. Please keep a clear log of the size recommended and ensure you use this. If you need to use a smaller size as a temporary measure, ensure it is covered and contact parents immediately.
- If you notice any problems around the site area or with the fluid intake, please report your concerns to the SHA and SLT team immediately.

Before assisting with the young person's gastrostomy feed, remember to adhere to infection control/best practice guidelines:

- Ensure you have completed the relevant training required to support the gastrostomy feed and you have completed the required competency assessments.
- Ensure you understand the guidelines of each individual feeding regime.
- Please wash your hands and, if required, put on non-sterile gloves and ensure you are wearing the correct PPE provided.
- After use, please wash all the equipment and return it to the young person's personal box.
- Please keep the box clean at all times and wash the box thoroughly each week.
- Ensure you keep up to date documentation of all fluids administered.
- Letters are available to send home to parents to request additional stock on site. Please email the Admin team if you need to contact parents.



Please follow the advice given by the health professionals in accordance with the latest government guidance for Covid 19 around Infection Control protocols and Risk Assessments when carrying out these medical interventions - remember to use the correct PPE for each medical intervention and keep clear records documenting all the support given.

Please be aware that all guidance is subject to change dependent on the latest Covid 19 guidance from the NHS and Public Health England

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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