

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### **Paediatric Advice**

Dear Colleagues

We hope that you are all well and have managed to get some rest over the summer period.

As many of you may be aware there are concerns as we move into Autumn and Winter in relation to surges of respiratory viruses, and in particular RSV in children. Other countries have seen a marked surge of RSV and currently there are particular concerns in North England in relation to high levels of cases.

It is likely that parents will be contacting GP Practices for advice and we feel that when these children require assessment this is best carried out by their GP Practice team, rather than referral to CACs. However, CAC referral remains an option when household members are COVID positive.

We are planning to host an educational webinar with our Paediatric colleagues in mid August and will hopefully confirm the date for this in the next week. This will focus on management of fever and respiratory illness in younger children, and an outline of the support for Primary Care provided by the Royal Hospital for Children.

A huge amount of work has been carried out to update information leaflets for parents and these can be accessed using this link:

<https://www.clinicalguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/rhc-for-health-professionals/patient-information-resources/safety-netting-and-parent-information-sheets/>

The Bronchiolitis leaflet is here:

<https://www.clinicalguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/rhc-for-health-professionals/patient-information-resources/safety-netting-and-parent-information-sheets/bronchiolitis/>

These leaflets can be texted directly to parents, removing the need for paper information leaflets.

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have produced national guidance for the management of children with bronchiolitis and LRTI. These include guidance for Primary Care clinicians on carrying out assessments remotely and face to face.

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/national-guidance-management-children-bronchiolitis-during-covid-19#:~:text=RCPCH-defined%20clinically%20extremely%20vulnerable%20%28CEV%29%20children%2C%20as%20well,limited%2C%20a%20risk%20assessment%20needs%20to%20be%20>

Our Paediatric consultants staff the Consultant Connect phone line and this should be used to discuss any referrals for assessment or admission, but also please use this for advice in relation to management of any clinical issue. All calls are answered extremely quickly and are recorded.

We hope that this information is useful to you and will confirm the webinar date as soon as possible

Kind regards

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