Asthma Management Policy

We aim that all children are safe and healthy whilst attending our service. If your child has asthma or any other medical condition, please identify this on the enrolment form. Prior to commencement, an Asthma Management Plan must be completed by your child’s doctor. All staff will be informed of the plan. Any regular medications must be labelled with your child’s name, dosage and date by the pharmacist.

Management strategies:

- The well-being and asthma management of a child with asthma is the primary responsibility of the child’s parent /guardian.
- The Centre must be informed of any changes in the child’s asthma treatment and all management plans must be up-to-date.

Suggested Management

- Reassure the child and remove him to a quiet area under the direct supervision of a suitably experienced member of staff.

- Administer Ventolin (or other puffer) or other medication as outlined on current “asthma management plan” for that child.

- The parent /guardian is to be contacted by phone immediately if staff have any concern regarding the child’s condition.

- Staff should contact the ambulance service if concerned by the child’s condition for transfer of that child to hospital.

- Particulars of the symptoms displayed by the child and any treatment given by staff must be recorded and signed by the parent /guardian on collection of the child or as soon as possible thereafter.
Asthma First Aid Plan

Step 1. Sit the child upright, be calm and reassuring.
Do not leave them alone.

Step 2. Give 4 separate puffs of a blue reliever
The medication is best given one puff at a time via a spacer device and face mask (if available). Ask the child to take 4 breaths from the spacer after each puff of medication. If a spacer is not available, use the blue reliever puffer on its own.

Step 3. Wait 4 minutes.

Step 4 If there is little or no improvement repeat steps 2 and 3. If there is still little or no improvement call an ambulance immediately (DIAL 000).

Continue to repeat steps 2 and 3 while waiting for the ambulance.

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