

If you have any worries or concerns please contact us:

Children's Community Nursing Team  
Union Street Clinic  
Union Street, Bedford MK40 2SF

Hours: 9am - 5pm, 7 days per week

Tel: 01234 310103 please leave a message on the answer machine, these will be picked up throughout the day.

Email: [ccs.beds.childrens.ccn@nhs.net](mailto:ccs.beds.childrens.ccn@nhs.net)

There is limited parking on site, but on street pay and display parking is available if the car park is full. (see Bedford Borough website for up to date charges)

We do have limited availability at Central Beds clinic venues and we will do our best to see your child at the nearest available clinic.

If you require this information in a different format such as in large print or on audio tape, or in a different language please contact the service on the details above.

To find out how we use what we know about you (Privacy Notice) or how to access our buildings (AccessAble), please visit [www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk](http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk) and follow the links or please contact us.



If you have any compliments about this service or suggestions for improvements, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0300 131 1000 (charges may apply depending on your network) or email: [ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net).

For free, confidential health advice and information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year please contact NHS 111.



## Administration of Intravenous Antibiotics in the Community

### Children's Community Nursing Team



We are a team of experienced Children's Community Nurses (CCN's). We work closely with the hospital team to support children who need Intravenous medicines and ongoing care to be given in the community.

We're sorry your child has been poorly, but we are pleased to hear that the hospital team have assessed that they are now fit to go home.

If your child needs more than one dose in a day and/or at weekends you will need to attend the hospital, as CCN's are only available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

The medication and prescription chart should be given to you by the hospital team on discharge.



Your child will have a small plastic tube inserted into their vein. The tube is called a cannula, so that the medicine can be given directly into the blood.

### **How to care for your Child's cannula at home:**

- The cannula must be kept clean and dry, avoid direct contact with water. (Always keep the cannula wrapped up in a bandage (you will be provided with spares))
- Take extra care when changing clothes-It is important to take clothes off of the affected limb last and put clothes on that limb first to minimise pulling or catching the cannula and/or bandages accidentally.

### **What to do if the cannula comes out:**

- Use a clean tissue or cloth and apply firm pressure for approximately three minutes as it may bleed a little.
- When the bleeding stops, cover the site with a small plaster.
- Your child will need to return to hospital for the cannula to be replaced if treatment hasn't ended.— Please telephone the hospital first as it is not an emergency and they will tell you the best time to attend.

### **Signs of a problem with a cannula include:**

- pain or stinging around the cannula
- redness around the cannula
- swelling around the cannula
- leaking of fluid or blood from the cannula site
- the cannula looking as if it has moved and is coming out
- the dressing becoming loose or wet.

**If you notice any of the above signs, or you have any concerns, please contact us or your local hospital team caring for your child.**

**Most children will be seen in clinic, but if we do need to visit your home to give the treatment it is helpful if you could:**

- Have a bottle of hand soap, a fresh/clean towel or kitchen roll available.
- Keep pets in another room when IV medication is being given.
- Provide a landline phone if mobile signals are not reliable in your home.