

Children's Epilepsy Nursing Service

First Assessment



First assessment in the Specialist Nurse led clinic for faints, fits or funny turns.

This appointment has been requested by your child's doctor to offer an early response to your GP's referral.

What will happen?

During the appointment the specialist nurse will:

- Find out what your concerns are and those of your child/young person
- Take a description of the fits or funny turns
- Ask questions about your child's development and past health record

The answers you give will be discussed with the doctor either during the appointment or as soon as possible afterwards.

Outcome of appointment:

- Investigations may be needed
- You will be given advice and information on how to record the funny turns or fits, on safety, school/nursery and first aid.
- Further information from others may be needed, e.g. from school or nursery
- You will be given a contact number for support
- It is not likely that your child will be given a diagnosis at this first meeting but the Specialist Nurse may discuss with you what the problem could be after talking to the doctor.

Following the appointment, a letter will be written to your GP and copied to you, explaining what was discussed during the clinic.

Information and advice on management and the impact on learning and education can be found on the following websites:

- www.epilepsy.org.uk
- www.youngpilepsy.org.uk
- www.epilepsysociety.org.uk

As a teaching organisation, we often provide practice placement for healthcare students. Students are integral to patient care and practice their skills under the supervision of Luton Community Service staff. If you do not wish for them to take part in your treatment provision, please inform a member of staff. This will not affect the quality of the care you receive.

We welcome your comments!

Whether you are pleased with our service (or otherwise) we would like to hear from you.

For further information about this service contact:

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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.

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.

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