

## COVID 19 response for Professional Network

### Solent 0-19 Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership and School Nursing adapted service delivery

Solent children services are under intense pressure due to the Covid -19 pandemic. The impact of this situation requires services to be delivered in different ways which have been outlined below:

Health visiting, Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) and School Nursing teams adhere to the guidance for social distancing by providing the majority of their service via telephone contacts to families where this is appropriate. Other aspects of the services continue to be completed face to face following a risk assessment of the family situation and their health status. Safeguarding remains the priority and we will continue to work collaboratively with other service in the best interest of the child and family.

#### The Health Visiting and FNP Response

The health visiting service is now providing telephone contacts for the 5 mandated contacts which include antenatal contact for all families, new birth contact for all families, 6-8 weeks maternal mood assessment, developmental reviews for children age 1 and 2.5 years. The teams will continue to maintain regular contact with our ECHO and FNP families.

From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, we will offer an **appointment only** clinic for infants who need to be seen due to faltering growth for example. These appointments will be booked through the Health Visiting Duty Line and the contact details are provided below.

All teams will continue to contribute to child protection conferences when needed.

#### The School Nursing Response

School Nursing is delivering the majority of its service by maintaining contacts with young people and families via the telephone. We are responding to any new concerns or requests for advice from schools, parents, children and young people through the School Nurse Duty Line and Solent Pulse with details provided below.

All HPV vaccines in schools are postponed due to Covid 19. Once schools are opened as normal the team will be re organising sessions in schools which may go into the next academic year. The nasal flu vaccination programme is expected to continue as normal from October 2020.

## Childrens Continence Team Response

The service will continue to remain in contact with current children, young people and families that are known to the service via telephone. Any equipment needed by families' e.g alarms or replacements will be considered on an individual basis and a risk assessment completed prior to organise delivery. The service is not taking any new referrals at present. However this will be reviewed in 4th May 2020. Thank you for your support with this restriction. The service can be contacted for advice and support.

We will use remote technology such as WhatsApp and Visionable to enable us to host face to face support and see children where needed.

As NHS teams, a proportion of our staff will train for redeployment into front line clinical service delivery over the next few weeks, however we will continue to offer Health Visiting, FNP and School Nursing as outlined above.

Information on how to contact the Health Visiting, FNP and School Nursing services has been shared with families and who will be encouraged to use Solent Pulse Text Messaging service and [www.What0-19.nhs.uk](http://www.What0-19.nhs.uk) in the first instance.

Families and professionals can still contact the Health Visiting and School Nursing Duty Line:

Monday to Friday 9-4pm through our direct line: **0300 123 6629**

FNP direct line is: **0300 123 6627**.

Paediatric continence SPA : 0300 123 3797

Or via **Solent Pulse Text** messaging service:

Health Visiting Solent Pulse Text messaging service: **07491163275**

School Nursing Solent Pulse Text Messaging service: **07491163276**

We would also ask you to promote this information with your teams and wider contacts

**Thank you for your on-going help and support**

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