

Childrens Services
Public Health Nursing Service

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Public Health Nursing Service in Secondary Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Public Health Nursing Service for secondary school aged children. During the transition from your child's previous school to their new secondary school your Public Health Nurse Team may have changed. The details of your Public Health Nursing Team are below:

Name of Public Health Nursing Team: East Locality

Contact us

Telephone: **0300 123 6661**

Text: **Solent Pulse Text a Nurse Service 07491 163278**

Solent NHS Trust has introduced '**Solent Pulse**' which is a confidential service for young people and parents in Southampton to **text** a qualified nurse for information or advice. The nurse will aim to respond within 1 working day (Monday-Friday).

Year 7 Questionnaire

We know that the transition into secondary school can be a challenging time for some young people, we will be offering your child the opportunity to complete a questionnaire in school to give your child the opportunity to raise any concerns they may have with regards to their physical or emotional wellbeing. The Public Health Nursing Service will review the completed questionnaires and we will arrange a follow up appointment with your child in school, if they raise any concerns regarding their wellbeing.

Young people in secondary school can discuss health and social concerns with a Public Health Nurse or Wellbeing Associate Practitioner should they wish to and they are able to consent to this service without parents knowledge or consent. Please see our confidentiality statement at the bottom of this letter for further information.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the completion of the Year 7 questionnaire then please inform our service by contacting 0300 123 6661.

Who can refer to the Public Health Nursing Service?

School staff can complete an electronic referral to our service, young people can refer themselves or they can ask for a referral from a member of the school staff. Parents can also contact us on the above telephone number.

Childhood Immunisation Programme

It is important that young people are up to date with their immunisations. As part of the routine Childhood Immunisation Programme in Year 8 all students will be offered the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination and in Year 9 all students will also be offered Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY adolescent booster vaccination. Information and consent forms will be sent home via school closer to the time of these vaccinations being offered. Alternatively information can be sought through your GP or at www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations.

Dentist

All children should be registered with a dentist. Information about dental advice and **how to find a dentist** is available at <http://www.wessexdentalhelpline.nhs.uk/> if you require an emergency dentist telephone 111.

Information and Resources

Reliable up to date health advice for parents, children and young people can be accessed at www.what0-18.nhs.uk and www.what0-18.nhs.uk/solent

Confidentiality Statement

We provide a confidential service to all our clients including children and young people under 16. This means that nothing will be said to anyone outside the health team including parents, care workers or teachers without the young person's knowledge, except for safeguarding purposes.

If you or the young person referred to our service have any concerns about confidentiality, please contact the Public Health Nursing office.

Please note anonymised (non personalised) data will be shared with Southampton City Council for public health purposes. We work closely with other services within the NHS and locally in Southampton. We may share / obtain your personal details to provide care to your child.

Kind Regards,



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