

The children's asthma nursing team

This leaflet explains more about the children's asthma nursing team. If you have any further questions, please speak to a member of the team.

What is the children's asthma nursing team?

The children's asthma nursing team, or paediatric asthma nurse specialist service, is a dedicated team giving education and support to the families of children aged 1-16 with asthma or wheezing.

We aim to work closely with children and their parents, schools, GPs, and hospital doctors to raise awareness and understanding of asthma and wheezing.

We want to help lessen the effects of your child's asthma and reduce the risk of emergencies.

We work with primary care practices to improve communication around asthma and the consistency of advice.

We work with schools and school nurses to make sure your child's asthma does not impact on their education.

We can help with:

- understanding asthma and its triggers
- how to manage an acute attack
- correct use of medications and inhalers
- an asthma action plan
- stopping smoking advice, if needed.

Who can receive the service?

We aim to see all children attending hospital asthma clinics or who are admitted with an acute asthma or wheezing attack.

We try to make sure all children attending the emergency department get appropriate follow up care either in their community or in the hospital.

Your child can be referred to the service by their GP, school nurse or hospital consultant or from an in-patient ward or the emergency department (ED or A&E).

Useful sources of information

The team have a Twitter page: @SGHAsthma

You may find the following website useful: www.asthma.org.uk

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the children's asthma nursing team, please contact us on 020 8725 3043 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm).

Out of hours, email: stgh-tr.childrensasthma@nhs.net or paediatricasthma@stgeorges.nhs.uk

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit www.stgeorges.nhs.uk

Additional services

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you on-the-spot advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or the care you have received. You can visit the PALS office between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday in the main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough Wing (near the lift foyer).

Tel: 020 8725 2453 **Email:** pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk

NHS Choices

NHS Choices provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health.

Web: www.nhs.uk

NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Tel: 111

