

PATIENT INFORMATION

Sharps Disposal

Paediatric Diabetes Team



WHAT SHOULD BE PUT IN THE SHARPS BIN?

A sharps bin is required for disposal of needles from insulin pen devices and from cannula insertion, lancets from finger-pricking devices and glass insulin cartridges and vials. These items must be disposed of as clinical waste under the Controlled Waste Regulations, 1992.

SAFE DISPOSAL

Safe disposal is required as sharps have been in contact with blood. If sharps disposal is not adhered to, an accidental injury may occur to refuse collection workers, children, or other members of the public. If this occurs, the person who receives the injury would not know what the sharp had been used for and whether it carries an infectious disease (eg. hepatitis or HIV). The psychological impact of such injuries is significant for the individual. Safe disposal of sharps is, therefore, very important and a responsibility to be taken seriously by children and young people with diabetes and their parents/carers.

WEST LANCASHIRE

A free collection service for clinical waste is provided by West Lancashire Borough Council (www.westlancs.gov.uk). To register for a Self Service account complete an online form in the 'domestic clinical waste collection' section, further arrangements for collection and replacement can be arranged using your log in details. The collection team should be informed of the selected 'safe place' where the sharps container is to be left/collected from.

NORTH SEFTON

A free collection service for clinical waste is provided by Sefton Council. Call Customer Services on 0345 1400845 to set up the service, using option 'Cleansing', this service can then be used to arrange bookings for collection and replacement. Opening hours Monday-Thursday 09.00-17.30 hours and Fridays 09.00-17.00 hours. The collection team should be informed of the selected 'safe place' where the sharps container is to be left/collected from.

SCHOOLS

Local councils will only collect or replace sharps containers from domestic premises. Sharps containers for use at schools should be provided by parents/carers. Parents are able to order more than one sharps container from their local council.

Items which may improve safety in schools:-

- BD AutoShield Duo Safety Pen needles (5mm) can be obtained from GP. These needles fit any insulin pen device and reduce needle-stick injuries as the needle is protected.

During your contact with us, it is important that you are happy with your care and treatment. Please speak to a member of staff and/or the ward/department Sister/Charge Nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

MATRON

A Matron is also available during the hours of 9.00 to 17.00 hours Monday to Friday. During these periods, ward/department staff can contact Matron to arrange to meet with you. Out of hours, a Senior Nurse can be contacted via the ward/department to deal with any concerns you may have.

INFECTION CONTROL REQUEST

Preventing infections is a crucial part of our patients' care. To ensure that our standards remain high our staff have regular infection prevention and control training and their practice is monitored in the workplace. We ask patients and visitors to assist us in preventing infections by cleaning their hands at regular intervals and informing staff of areas within the hospital that appear soiled.

As a patient there may be times that you are unsure whether a staff member has cleaned their hands; if in doubt please ask the staff member and they will be only too happy to put your mind at ease by cleaning their hands so that you can see them.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

None

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Your own GP –

Paediatric Diabetes Specialist Nurse (West Lancs.) – 01695 656766, mobile 07917658725

Paediatric Diabetes Specialist Nurse (Sefton) – 01695 656867, mobile 07876838200

Children's Ward – 01695 656912

Paediatric Dietitian – 01695 656766, mobile 07860586549

OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS/CONTACTS:

NHS 111

Stop Smoking Helpline (Sefton) - 0300 100 1000

Stop Smoking Helpline (West Lancashire) - 0800 328 6297

NOTES

**Please call 01704 704714 if you need
this leaflet in an alternative format**

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FOR APPOINTMENTS

Telephone (01695) 656680
Email soh-tr.appointments@nhs.net

Please remember to complete the **attached Friends and Family Test**.

Alternatively, you can complete the *Friends and Family Test* on-line by going to: southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/FFT
Thank you

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