



Bedfordshire Community Health Services

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The School Nursing Service

All schools across Bedfordshire have a named allocated School Nurse who works as part of a skill-mix team. School Nurses are qualified nurses who hold an additional, specialist public health qualification. The School Nurse is responsible for leading on, and co-ordinating the delivery of The Healthy Child Programme (HCP) 5-19 years (Department of Health 2009), working at community, family and individual levels.

School Nurses are skilled to provide holistic, individualised health assessments. We also have a broad range of skills to offer 1:1 support with children and young people with a wide range of identified health needs including emotional wellbeing. The School Nurse works in partnership with schools, parents/carers and pupils. We provide a weekly confidential 'Drop in' Service in schools for pupils from Year 7 upwards.

The School Nurse can provide advice and support for children and young people with additional and/or complex health needs. The School Nurse Service provides public health interventions including health promotions, training and support for schools.

The School Nurse Service leads on delivery of School Entry Health Assessments in Year R (Reception) and Year 6 including completion of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

Pupils and parent/carers are able to self-refer, either via the school nurse 'Drop in' service, liaising with your child's school or by contacting a member of the team via our single point of access hub on 01525 631100 or email ccs.beds.childrens.spa.nhs.net

For further information please see our website: <http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/what-we-do/bedfordshire-services/school-nursing-service>.

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