

Early Years Network Meeting

Tuesday 4th November 2025

09:30 – 10:30

OR

19:00 – 20:00

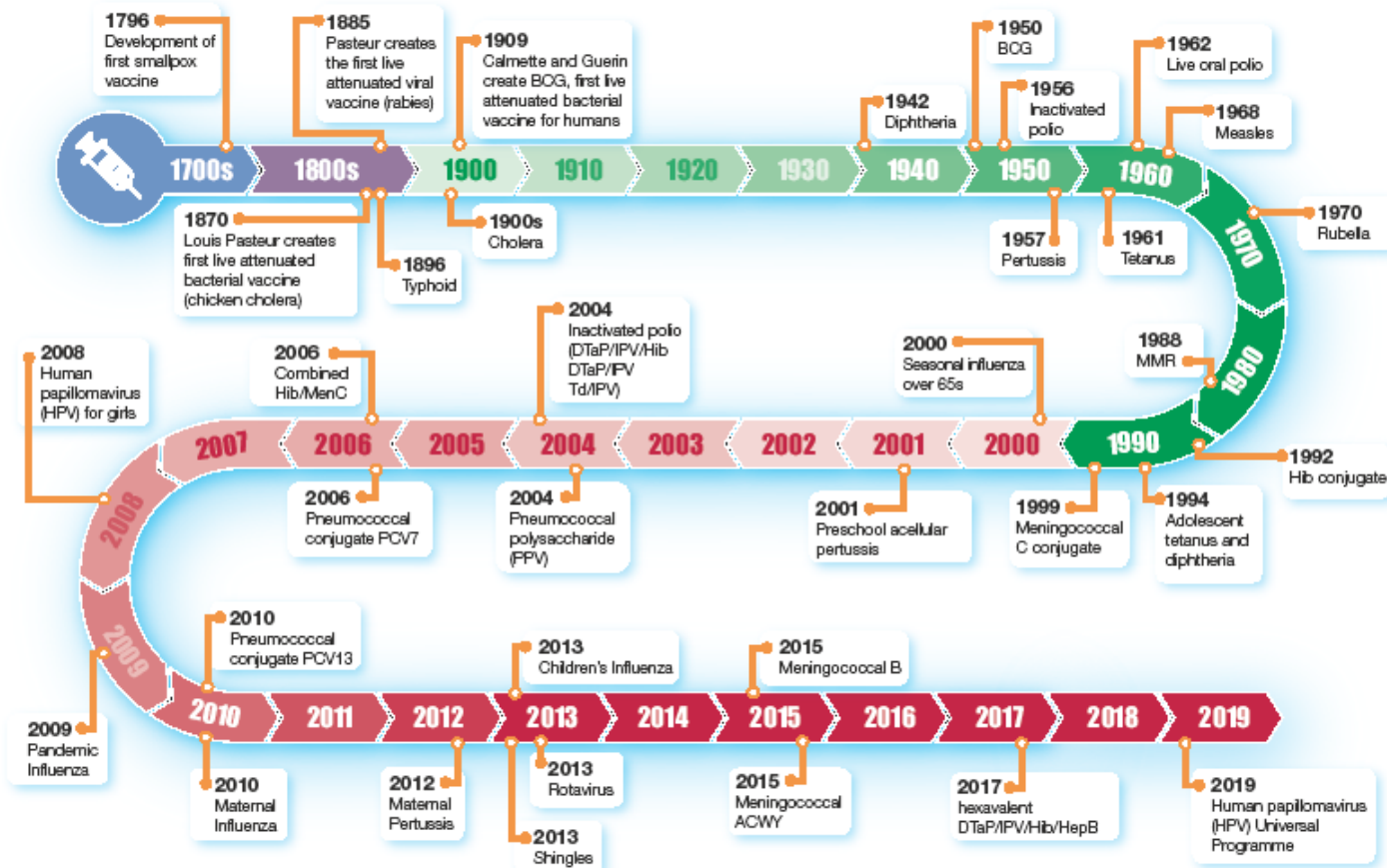
Agenda:

- Welcome (HW)
- Raising vaccination awareness (RD)
- Learning & Development updates (BJ)
- EY Shropshire council Providers Agreement update(DS)
- Early Help 0-5 update (AMP)
- Asthma information from Helen White (HW)
- Positive news in the SEND World (HW)
- Date of next Network Meeting

Let's Talk about Vaccination

Rosalind Dixon – Health Protection Practitioner
Health Protection Cell

Historical vaccine development and introduction of routine vaccine programmes in the UK



‘How vaccines work’ clip

→ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjTQN2b-fuo>



- Immunization is a global health success story, saving millions of lives every year. Vaccines reduce risks of getting a disease by working with your body's natural defences to build protection. When you get a vaccine, your immune system responds.
- We now have vaccines to prevent more than 30 life-threatening diseases and infections, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. (WHO 2025)

UK Immunisation Schedule

- In the UK, our immunisation schedule is designed based on clear evidence to protect people against the infections that are most dangerous when they are very young and people as they age.
- Vaccinations are offered to people throughout their life to provide protection and are given at the ages when they will work best to protect the person being vaccinated and the whole community.
- The age recommendations for each vaccine based on
 - the **risk of disease** at a specific age,
 - the risk of complications** from the disease,
 - how well people's bodies will **respond to the vaccine**
 - the best way to **stop disease from spreading** to the whole population.
- The immunisation schedule should be followed as closely as possible to give people the best possible protection from serious infections.

The routine immunisation schedule			from February 2022	
Age due	Diseases protected against	Vaccine given and trade name	Usual site ¹	
Eight weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	DtaHPVnHibHepB	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh
	Meningococcal group B (MenB)	MenB	Bevaxero	Left thigh
	Rotavirus gastroenteritis	Rotavirus ²	Rotarix ³	By mouth
	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B	DtaHPVnHibHepB	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh
Twelve weeks old	Pneumococcal (13 serotypes)	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)	Prevenar 13	Thigh
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus ²	Rotarix ³	By mouth
	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B	DtaHPVnHibHepB	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh
Sixteen weeks old	MenB	MenB	Bevaxero	Left thigh
	Hib and MenC	Hib/MenC	Menitorix	Upper arm/thigh
	Pneumococcal	PCV booster	Prevenar 13	Upper arm/thigh
	Mumps, measles and rubella (MMR)	MMR	MMR2a/Pro or Priorix	Upper arm/thigh
One year old (on or after the child's first birthday)	MenB	MenB booster	Bevaxero	Left thigh
	Influenza (each year from September)	Live attenuated influenza vaccine LAIV ⁴	Fluenz Tetra ⁴	Both nostrils
Eligible paediatric age groups ⁵	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio	dtaHPV	Boostrix-IPV	Upper arm
	Measles, mumps and rubella	MMR (check first dose given)	MMR2a/Pro ⁶ or Priorix	Upper arm
Boys and girls aged twelve to thirteen years	Cancers and genital warts caused by specific human papillomavirus (HPV) types	HPV (two doses 6-24 months apart)	Gardasil	Upper arm
	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio	Td/IPV (check MMR status)	Reveals	Upper arm
Fourteen years old (school Year 9)	Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y	MenACWY	Nimenrix	Upper arm
	Pneumococcal (23 serotypes)	Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV)	Pneumovax 23	Upper arm
65 years of age and older	Influenza (each year from September)	Inactivated influenza vaccine	Multiple	Upper arm
70 to 79 years of age	Shingles	Zostavax ⁷ (or Shingrix if Zostavax contraindicated)		Upper arm

1 Intramuscular injection into deltoid muscle in upper arm or anterolateral aspect of the thigh.

2 Rotavirus vaccine should only be given after checking for SCD screening results.

3 Contraindicate possible gelatine.

4 See annual V letter at www.dh.gov.uk/documents/consultations/annual-v-programme

5 LAIV (live attenuated influenza vaccine) is contraindicated in all influenza susceptible who have had flu vaccine (check Green Book Chapter 19)

For vaccine supply information for the routine immunisation schedule please visit portal.immform.gov.uk and check vaccine update for all other vaccine supply information: www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-updates

1 immunisation

The safest way to protect children and adults

NHS

1. Intramuscular injection into deltoid muscle in upper arm or anterolateral aspect of thigh.
2. Rotavirus vaccine should only be given after checking for RCT screening result.
3. Contains porcine gelatin.
4. See annual flu letter at: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/400000/flu-letter-2022.pdf
5. If LAIV (live attenuated influenza vaccine) is contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable use inactivated flu vaccine (check Green Book Chapter 19 for details)
6. See annual flu letter at: www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/400000/flu-letter-2022.pdf

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Immunisation The safest way to protect children and adults **NHS**

[Routine Immunisation Schedule September 2025](#)

Routine Immunisation Schedule September 2025

Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status

Everyone should be up to date with their routine vaccinations to give them the best protection.

RECORDS can be found in

- Red Book (given at birth to your parents)
- GP (ask for printout)
- NHS App/Patient Access

IF **NOT** DOCUMENTED THEN IT'S NOT HAPPENED

- If any missed vaccinations, then appoint with your GP/Practice Nurse

ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR VACCINES?

Vaccine Confidence Hub

- To support non-clinical staff, the [Vaccine Confidence Hub](#) has been designed to help staff engage in meaningful conversations about vaccines.
- It offers tools and guidance to:
- Equip you with practical skills to engage in open, respectful conversations about vaccines
- Support a consistent, compassionate approach across the system to foster trust in vaccines
- Provide information on the vaccination schedule, how vaccines work and why they are important
- Whether it's greeting patients at reception, helping with scheduling, or supporting services behind the scenes, these interactions can make a real difference in how people feel about vaccines. You don't need to be a clinician to help build trust sometimes a friendly conversation or a reassuring word is all it takes.
- Explore the resources to strengthen your conversations and help others make informed, confident choices about vaccination

Side effects of vaccination

Most of the side effects of vaccination are mild and do not last long.

The most common side effects of vaccination include:

- the area where the needle goes in looking red, swollen and feeling a bit sore for 2 to 3 days
- feeling a bit unwell, developing a temperature for 1 or 2 days
- older children and adults may feel faint
- feeling tired, having a headache, mild fever, or flu-like symptoms

Be aware of anti-vaccine stories

Anti-vaccine stories are often spread online through social media and offline.

Always get your vaccine and health information from trusted sources, such as the **NHS, GOV. UK and World Health Organisation (WHO)**.

The vaccine information on social media may not be based on scientific evidence and could put your child at risk of a serious illness.

All the current evidence tells us that getting vaccinated is safer than not getting vaccinated.

Contact Information:
shropshirepublichealth@shropshire.
gov.uk
01743 251234

- For professionals, non-professionals and the general public.
- We can provide group training on-line or in person to raise awareness for the need for vaccination and support vaccination conversations
- One to one - we can answer queries and provide advice or accurately sign post you to the right place.

We hope you find these resources helpful in your role. Please take a moment to review them and feel free to share with your colleagues

Together, we can make a difference. Let's empower our patients and protect our communities, one conversation at a time.

Any Questions?



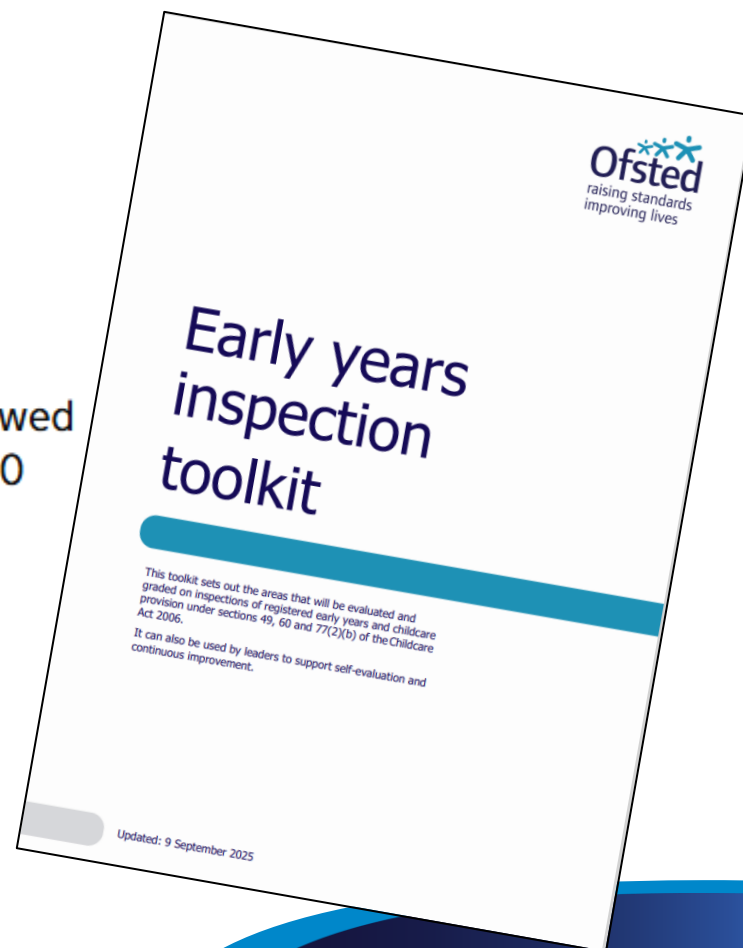
Learning & Development updates:

Guidance

Early years inspection: toolkit, operating guide and information

Guidance for inspectors and providers on inspecting registered early years settings in England under the renewed education inspection framework, available for use from 10 November 2025.

[Early years inspection toolkit](#)



Children's speech and language

A collection of tips and advice to help with children's speech and language skills.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/language-advice>

How to connect with your child's way of communicating



How to help your child communicate

Tips and advice to encourage communication with your child, with or without words.

CBeebies Parenting



Tips to help your child focus

CBeebies Parenting



What to do when your child prefers to play differently

CBeebies Parenting



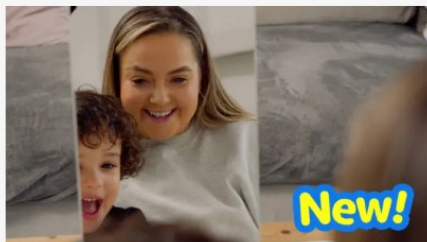
How to respond to your child's way of communicating

CBeebies Parenting



How to join in with your child's play time

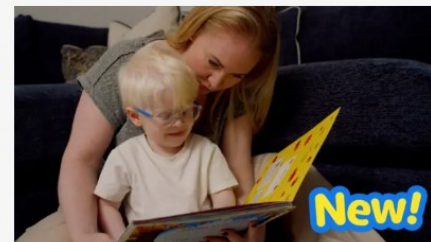
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Helping your child say the sounds in words



Word retrieval: Helping your child find the right words



How to make story time fun for your child

Starting Reception

Your child's journey to school starts at home.



[Home - Starting Reception](#)

75% of Reception children to have a good level of development by 2028.

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Introduction

We understand that all children develop at their own pace, and that we're all learning from birth. When it's time to start school, some children will need more help than others.

There are key skills* that schools expect children to be learning before their first day. Practising these will make your child's journey to Reception as positive as possible.

If your child is already at nursery, in pre-school, or with a childminder, those professionals will work with you and your child to help get them ready.

There's lots you can do at home to build your child's confidence and independence, helping them feel emotionally and practically prepared to start school.

*We are calling this document the 'Starting Reception' definition. Some people/ organisations refer to this as 'school readiness'.

Date for your diary:

Wednesday 11th February 2026 (09:30 – 11:30)

Starting Reception (Online)

Pre-school leaders and Reception teachers

CPD Autumn 2025 (online):

- **Cluster meeting: talking about babies**
12 November 2025 15:00 – 16:00 OR 18:15 – 19:15
- **Cluster meeting: talking about two-year-olds**
18 November 2025 15:00 – 16:00 OR 18:15 – 19:15
- **Solihull Approach for under 1's**
10 December 2025 10:00 – 12:00

[CPD schedule and booking details | Shropshire Learning Gateway](#)

CPD Spring 2026 (online):

- **Cluster meeting: talking about babies**

21 January 2026 10:30 – 11:30 OR 18:30 – 19:30

- **Early writing in pre-school** (repeat of training from October)

27 January 2026 18:30 – 20:00

- **Early Talk Boost training**

28 January 2026 and 4 February 2026 09:30 – 11:30

- **Cluster meeting: talking about two-year-olds**

4 February 2026 10:30 – 11:30 OR 18:30 – 19:30

- **Early communication screening tool (Stoke-speaks-out)**

25 February 2026 09:30 -11:00

[CPD schedule and booking details | Shropshire Learning Gateway](#)

Early Years Providers agreement update(DS)

- October 2025 consultation period
- Extended until Friday 7th November at 5pm
- Responses to you by mid-November
- Full internal review of agreement

Early Help 0-5 update (AMP)

What is Early Help?

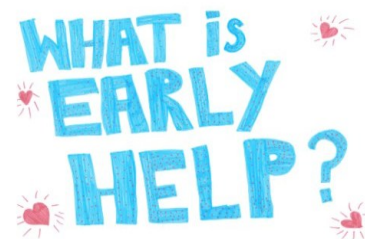
Some children and families will need help and support in order to be healthy, safe and to achieve their potential – this is Early Help.

Targeted Early Help is for families who need *more* help. This is delivered by the family support teams in the Early Help hubs (north, central and south), and the 0-5 team (who cover the whole county).

Early Help is a network of services and processes delivered by a local authority, health, early years, education and voluntary sector organisations.

We work with the whole family, with children at the centre, for around 12 weeks, formulating a family action plan from an Early Help assessment.

Requests for Early Help support come via First Point Of Contact from a range of professionals or self-referrals from parents, and through parents dropping into the Early Help Hubs.





What support can Early Help Offer?

We use the Circle of Support categories to help us to identify what is working well for a family so we can build on this, and what needs the whole family has so we can offer the right support.

Some of the support we can offer directly ourselves through a planned intervention.

Other needs requires specialist support so we involve other professionals and support to help us.

This is all in collaboration and agreement with the family.



- The Early Help offer also includes opportunities to drop-in to talk to a dedicated team member about anything they may be struggling with. Families can drop into their nearest family hub, contact Shropshire's First Point of Contact (FPOC) or explore the Early Help website for hands-on digital information.
- The poster here has a QR code which will take you to the Family Information Service web pages which has the dates/times of the drop-ins in each area.



Coffee & chat

Free info, advice & support

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Family Drop-Ins. Come along for a coffee and a chat, and see how we can help you with:

- Family life
- Parenting support (including child development, behaviour, sleep and relationships)
- Domestic abuse support
- Money worries
- Housing support
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

and much more!

Find your local drop-in here



Open Access Health Visitor Clinics



OPEN ACCESS CLINICS

 @ShropshirePublicHealthNursingService

Follow Us on Facebook for the latest dates 



Come along to our open access clinic for health advice, information and support for you and your baby/child. No appointment needed.

- **EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**
- **GROWTH MONITORING & HEALTH ADVICE**
- **INFANT FEEDING & INTRODUCING SOLIDS SUPPORT**
- **DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & SLEEP SUPPORT**

 0333 3583654  07520 635212

- Each hub also has **Open Access Health Visitor Clinics** which is also attended by Early Help Family Support Worker. Follow this link:
- [Welcome to the Shropshire Together Community and Family Directory - Shropshire Together Community Directory](#)
- Families can see a Health Visitor to talk about their child's health and development without the need for an appointment.

Parenting Support

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



- Shropshire Council Parenting Team: Offer courses, both virtual and face to face. For more information please call 01743 250950 or visit [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)
- Togetherness 'Solihull Approach' website 'Understanding your child' courses – for Shropshire residents – please use code 'DARWIN18', and lots resources/tips on the website too – more information here [Home - Togetherness](#)

Families First

- The Families First Partnership (FFP) is a key change in the way Safeguarding Partners are expected to work together to rebalance the system towards more effective Early Intervention, Prevention and Targeted Family Help.
- There are a number of key requirements as part of the Families First Partnership (FFP) under 3 key domains,
 - Family Help
 - Multi Agency Child Protection Teams
 - Co-Production including Family Group Decision Making.
- This is a partnership programme and therefore requires close collaboration between education, families, health, local authorities, police and the communities themselves.



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Children and Young Peoples Asthma Tips

Early Years

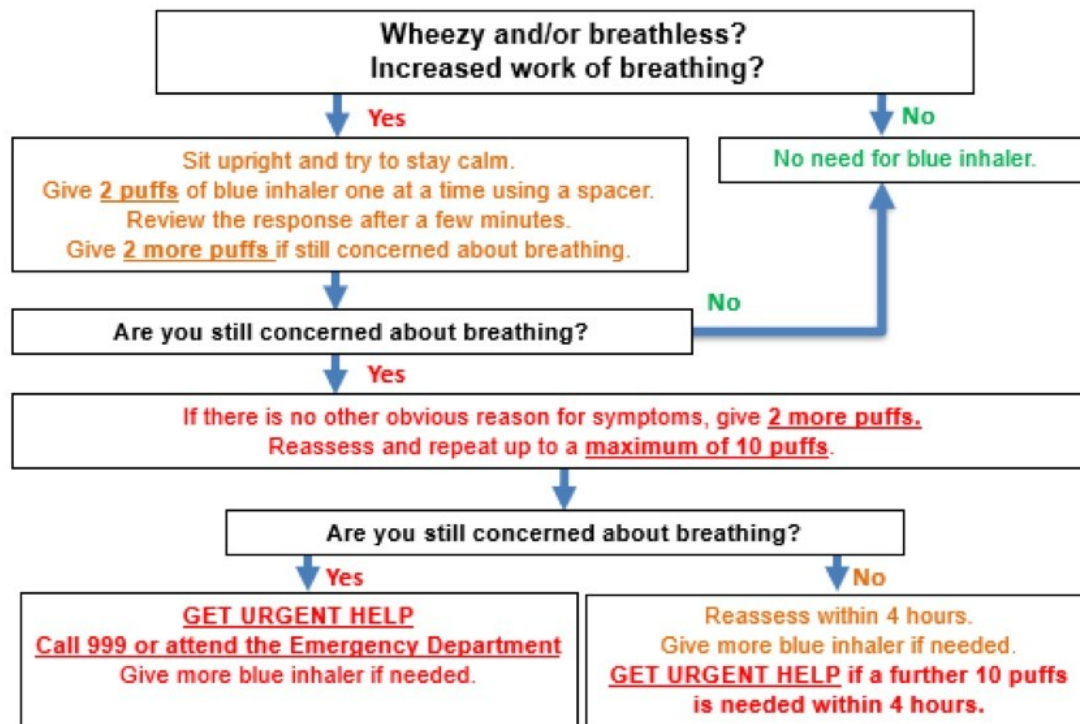
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Asthma Diagnosis

- Wheeze and asthma are not the same thing; wheeze is a symptom and asthma is a long-term medical condition. Wheeze is a common symptom experienced by young children when they have a cold/respiratory infection. Wheeze is also a common symptom in children with asthma
- Asthma is difficult to diagnose in young children
- The emphasis for this age group is about managing medicines and recognising/managing symptoms/acute episodes as majority will not have a confirmed diagnosis
- Statutory requirements for early years are set out in the Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework which can be found using this link [Early Years Framework](#)



Managing wheezy episodes



Source Healthier Together website 2025



Asthma training for Non Healthcare Staff

- Non healthcare staff are advised to complete the **Tier 1** nationally approved course, which has been clinically and educationally accredited by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to Tier 1 specifications.
- The course is free of charge, online and a certificate is awarded on completion. The course takes 45mins - 1 hour to complete.
- Further information and access to the course (Tier 1) is available via this link

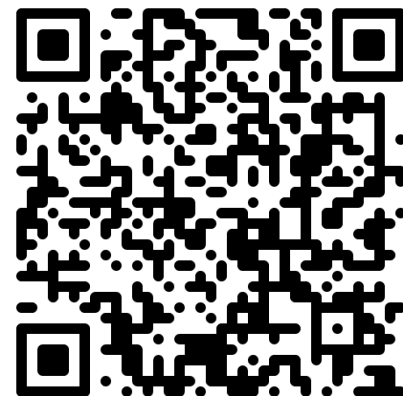
<https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/children-and-young-peoples-asthma/>



Useful information on children and young people's asthma can be found on Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust Website using the QR code below

Includes information on :-

- What are the signs of an asthma attack?
- How will my child's asthma be looked after at childcare setting?
- When should I be concerned?
- Who can help with my child's asthma



Asthma – other useful links

- [Asthma & Lung UK: How to use your inhaler](#)
- [Asthma & Lung UK: Preventer inhalers](#)
- [Asthma & Lung UK](#)
- [Asthma | Common Health Issues - Child 5 to 11 years | Healthier Together](#)
- [Asthma | Common Health Issues - Child 1 to 4 years | Healthier Together](#)
- <https://www.asthma.org.uk/advice/inhalers-medicines-treatments/using-inhalers/#Videos>



Positive news in the SEND World



Early Years SEND Support Officers

Barbara Jones, Laura Taylor and Rachel White

Available as outreach support for all group and school-based settings including childminders.

To request support please complete an Early Years Advice and Funding panel request.

They will also be involved in quality assuring use of EYIF awarded to settings.

They may offer support as part of an access to education request.

Safeguarding CPD Autumn 2025 (online):

- **DSL Refresher- 2 part – 11.11.25 + 26.11.25**
18:15 – 20:00
- **Committee Members Safeguarding – 12.11.25**
18:15-20:15
- **DSL Network – 13.11.25**
10:00-12:00 + 18:15-20:15

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Copies of the slides are available at:

[Slides from presentations and bite-size CPD | Shropshire Learning Gateway](#)