

What does the domain “patient safety including safe prescribing” mean to families from Medicines for Children?



Parents and nurses from the children's charity WellChild helped to create instructional videos designed to be an accurate source of practical information for parents and carers giving medicines at home to their child. **Watch the videos:** www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/types-of-medicines

We asked 225 parents of children and young people with complex health needs what their biggest concerns were in relation to patient safety and safe prescribing and they said:

1. Communicating with other carers and healthcare professionals about their child's medication
2. Remembering which medication to give and when
3. Their child's response to receiving the medication
4. How to administer the medicine and how much to give

“Thinking about the last 24 hrs only - how much time would you estimate you have spent on providing care for your child/children?”

On average, respondents spent:
17.9 hours providing care, including
3.4 hour administering medicine

How Medicines for Children can help trainees:

- www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk has 200+ patient information leaflets, developed by experts in paediatric medicines.
- The information is written to a reading age of 12 to be accessible for all
- The leaflets can be viewed online or printed in clinic to read at home
- Contact us for more information: medicines.leaflets@rcpch.org.uk

“What a fabulous resource!
We're five years into complex need parenting and this has helped us many a time over the years!”

Parent and Medicine for Children user

Medicines for Children mobile app



Following calls from parents and carers, a mobile app is being developed to help to manage children's medication needs. The app will enable easier access to medicines information whenever and wherever parents need it.

The medicines management app will:

- Provide guidance on how to administer medicines safely
- Offer reminders when doses are due
- Aid communication with professionals

#Notes

Discuss with my team/peers

Discuss with my supervisor

Domain areas to consult on locally with children , young people & families

Resources created by Medicines for Children :

Flyers for parents and professionals:

<https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/resources-health-care-professionals>

Medicines for Children website: <https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/>

Medicines for Children is a partnership project between the RCPCH, the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) and children's charity WellChild

