

Ambulance Conveyance

Statement from Intercollegiate Committee for Standards for Children and Young people in Emergency Care Settings

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At its meeting on 5 November 2021, the [Intercollegiate Committee on Standards for Children and Young People in Emergency Care Settings](#) welcomed representatives from the National Ambulance Service Medical Directors group (NASMeD) who presented on their recently published best practice guidance on conveyance of children by ambulance clinicians in face to face settings.

Policies on conveyance are determined by individual ambulance services across the UK. This new national best practice guidance from NASMeD describes key principles that should guide conveyance decisions for children and young people, including the difficulty in diagnosing significant illness and injury in very young children, and presents age-specific advice for those under 1 year, 1-5 years and 6-17 years of age. It encourages the use of supported clinical decision-making and specifically addresses safeguarding issues and non-accidental injury, children with mental health presentations and handling refusals to convey.

The Committee warmly welcomes the publication of this best practice guidance. Noting that practice changes over time as systems develop and evolve, the Committee agrees that it replaces the advice it had shared with NASMeD's predecessor in 2009.

Further information:

NASMeD [Conveyance of children by operational ambulance clinicians](#) (July 2021)