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Sent: 13 December 2024 15:05

To: Person G, Person H, Person I

Subject: Advice please - Queries following publishing of WGC Letter 011 2024 Liquid paracetamol within registered child minding and daycare settings

Hi there all,

Information redacted

We've received a few queries since sending out the [Welsh Government Circular Letter 011 2024](#) and in most cases we will reiterate the guidance so we remain consistent. We are also intending on working with our childcare umbrella organisations to see what they can do to support the sector with the guidance and arrangements for meeting a child's health needs. However, I would appreciate if you could provide your views re the queries (in table below) and any guidance that already exists that may help in answering them. I'd be grateful for your advice by close Wednesday 17 December if possible please.

Many thanks

Person F

ref	Query	Response
4	<p>I am a registered Childminder.</p> <p>I would like to know why we should have sachets of liquid paracetamol rather than a bottle. I have found in the past that it is easier to administer from a bottle rather than sachets.</p> <p>Also should I be buying the liquid paracetamol to be given in my setting or is it OK for the parents to provide it. And if it's OK for me to have a bottle, do I have to have a separate bottle for each child, or would 1 bottle be ok. I would make sure that a clean syringe is used every time (ie even when giving a 7.5ml or 10 ml dose I would use 2 syringes)</p>	<p>Reiterate the rationale for sachets.</p> <p>Anything further from Health colleagues?</p>

From: Person G following

I note the circular states

"Registered settings should purchase sachets of paracetamol sugar free oral suspension each containing 120mg of paracetamol in each 5mL sachet. Advice about purchasing Liquid Paracetamol can be obtained from any pharmacy."

The use of should suggests we recommend sachets but also accept other forms of liquid paracetamol such as bottles of suspension would also be acceptable.

I would respond with something like:

“The use of 5mL sachets each containing 120mg of paracetamol is recommended. Sachets can be easily stored and are individually labelled with an expiry date, and make it easy to provide the correct dose by use of a single or multiple sachets without the need for a measuring spoon or oral syringe. In exceptional circumstances it may be appropriate for the provider to stock a bottle of liquid paracetamol containing multiple doses.”