

From: Person F

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. Information redacted

Many thanks

ref	Query	Response
1	Information redacted 2) most parents say the child is teething when they are unwell. Is there any guidelines on teething as an illness? I.e is it treated as an illness and they need to go home (not infectious) .	Information redacted Do Health colleagues have any guidance for parents/carers on teething?
3	Is it OK to administer calpol sachets if a child needs pain relief during the day but is not too ill to attend? For instance if a baby is teething or a child is on prescribed antibiotics for a throat infection but still needs pain relief plz?	Reiterate guidance around not taking a child if unwell and parental permission. Do Health colleagues have any guidance on teething?

F From: Person H

Sent: 17 December 2024 08:47

To: Person F, Person G, Person I

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Hi Person F

With regard to teething; generally teeth will generally emerge with little pain or discomfort.

At other times, you may notice:

- their gum is sore and red where the tooth is coming through
- they have a mild temperature of less than 38C
- they have 1 flushed cheek
- they have a rash on their face
- they're rubbing their ear
- they're dribbling more than usual
- they're gnawing and chewing on things a lot
- they're more fretful than usual
- they're not sleeping very well

As you can see this overlaps with the symptoms of many minor illnesses, so telling the difference is tricky. Teething isn't infectious and while it might make them irritable will not make them unwell. I would not classify teething as an "illness".

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Hi **person H** thanks for your helpful advice. Would something like this work for the response please?

Teething is not considered to be an infectious illness and is unlikely to make children unwell but they may show [symptoms](#) of teething. We recognise that some of the symptoms of teething can overlap with many ~~other~~ minor illnesses. You can refer to general [advice](#) about looking after a child who is teething and teething symptoms on the NHS website. Any pain relief given to children should be in accordance with the guidance contained in the WGC 011/2024.

Happy for colleagues to provide any further advice on the sachets if needed however I will reiterate that they reduce contamination and inaccurate dosage again if nothing further to add.

Thanks
Person F

From: Person F

Sent: 17 December 2024 14:08

To: **Person H, Person G, Person I**

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Hi **Person F**

I think that is fine. I have deleted "other" from the paragraph below as I think it's use suggests that teething is an illness.

Person H