

Media Statement



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NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE STATEMENT ON PRESCRIBING OF PROPHYLACTIC ANTIBIOTICS

Some children in this group are routinely prescribed prophylactic antibiotics at certain times as part of their clinical treatment plan.

As a precautionary measure, in August an Incident Management Team recommended that prophylaxis be prescribed to patients in Ward 6A while we undertook environmental testing of the ward.

This testing has concluded and there is no link to the ward environment or the infections being investigated. Therefore, the prophylaxis that was offered to children as a precaution while we were investigating the incident will now be reviewed.

As some children will require prophylaxis associated with their illness rather than the ward environment, it is important that their doctor has the opportunity to have a full conversation with the family before making a decision that is best for the child.

We would encourage any parents to speak to their child's clinical team if they have any questions specific to any medicine that has been prescribed for their child.

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