

Medicines for children



Children & Young People's Health Services

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Slovak

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Slovensky

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Arabic

عربی
إذا كنت أنت أو أي شخص تعرفه بحاجة إلى مساعدة لفهم أو قراءة هذه الوثيقة، الرجاء الاتصال على الرقم اعلاه، أو مراسلتنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني

Urdu

آرد و
اگر آپ یا آپ کے جاننے والے کسی شخص کو اس دستاویز کو سمجھنے یا پڑھنے کیلئے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو برائے مہربانی مندرجہ بالا نمبر پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں یا ہمیں ای میل کریں۔

Farsi

فارسی
اگر جناب عالی یا شخص دیگری که شما اورا می شناسید برای خواندن یا فهمیدن این مدارک نیاز به کمک دارد لطفاً با ما بوسیله شماره بالا یا ایمیل تماس حاصل فرمایید.

If you require this document in another language, large print, braille, audio or easyread format, please ask our healthcare providers*

*Note to healthcare providers:

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Big Word can be accessed through the search option on InSite.

What is this leaflet about?

In the UK most medicines are “licensed” but some are not. This leaflet explains why medicines are licensed and why some useful medicines for children do not have licences.

You will have been given this leaflet by your doctor or pharmacist because the medicine prescribed for your child is not “licensed” or is being used for a reason not covered by the licence. We want to reassure you that we have thought very carefully about the best medicine for your child and to answer any questions you may have.

Why are medicines “licensed”?

The makers of medicines must ask the government for a “Product Licence” if they want to sell their medicine in the UK. They show the government’s Medicines Control Agency that their medicine works for the illnesses to be treated, does not have too many side effects or risks and has been made to a high standard.

How do the makers test medicines?

To be sure that a medicine works and is safe the maker has to try it first on a small number of people in what is called a “clinical trial”. Information from clinical trials is given to the Medicines Control Agency when the maker asks for a Product Licence.

Why don't all medicines have a licence?

There are several reasons why some medicines are used for illnesses or conditions not covered by their original licence. Also, some medicines do not have a licence at all. Sometimes the clinical trial (and Product Licence) is for one illness but doctors find that the medicine works very well for another illness. Sometimes the patients in the clinical trial may have been adults but doctors find that the medicine works well for children too. These doctors use medicines for reasons or ages that are not written in the Product Licence.

Some medicines have no licence at all. These may be some liquid medicines that children can take easily or medicines used for rare illnesses. It may be too expensive or there may not be enough children with the illness to have a clinical trial. Sometimes it may not be worth their while for makers to test and produce specific medicines for children.

How do I know that these medicines are safe and will work?

This medicine will have been recommended by another doctor who is an expert or your own doctor will have read information that says it is the best one for your child.

Your pharmacist is trained to make medicines and if your child needs a special medicine will make sure that it is well made and will work properly.

How will I know that my child's medicine is not licensed?

Your doctor or pharmacist may tell you. When you read the information leaflet with the medicine you may notice that the information is not quite "right" or does not refer to children. The leaflet may not talk about your child's particular illness or condition or it may say that the medicine should not be used for your child's age.

Unlicensed medicines may be made specially or may be more difficult to obtain. Your pharmacist may tell you this and make special arrangements for you to get your child's medicine.

Should I be worried about giving these medicines?

Doctors and pharmacists caring for children have a lot of experience with the medicines used for children whether the medicines are licensed or not. If you are still worried after reading this leaflet, please talk to your doctor or pharmacist. They are looking after your child and have carefully thought about the best medicine.

What if I don't want to use unlicensed medicines?

Talk it over with your doctor (or pharmacist) and tell them what you are worried about. They can tell you more about the information or advice that they have about the medicine. They can also tell you about any other treatments available and why they think this is the best one.

Can I get more information about this unlicensed medicine?

Your pharmacist may have made a special information leaflet about your child's medicine or illness. Please ask.

Often there are support groups for children with particular illnesses or conditions. If you are a member you could talk to someone from the group. If you are not a member or don't know if there is a group, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse for more information.

If I'm confused what should I do?

Talk to the person who gave you this leaflet (usually your doctor or pharmacist). Ask them to explain.

Doctors and pharmacists who work with children have written a book called 'British National Formulary for Children'. As well as talking about all the licensed medicines used for children it also talks about most of the unlicensed medicines. This may be one of the books that your doctor and pharmacist use when deciding the best medicine for your child.

How to contact us

Medicines

Information Helpline

Telephone 01709 424126

Dispensary

Telephone 01709 424472

Switchboard

Telephone 01709 820000

Useful contact numbers

**If it's not an emergency,
please consider using a
Pharmacy or call NHS 111
before going to A&E.**

NHS 111 Service

Telephone 111

Health Info

Telephone 01709 427190

Stop Smoking Service

Telephone 01709 422444

A&E

Telephone 01709 424455

**For GP out of hours,
contact your surgery**

Useful websites

www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.gov.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk

Easyread websites

www.easyhealth.org.uk

www.friendlyresources.org.uk

www.easy-read-online.co.uk

We value your comments

If you have any comments or concerns about the services we have provided please let us know, or alternatively you can contact the Patient Experience Team.

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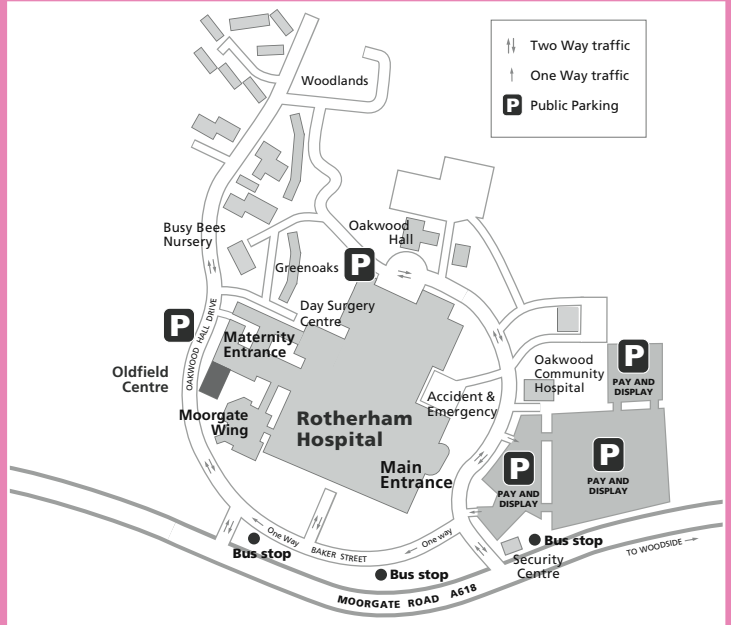
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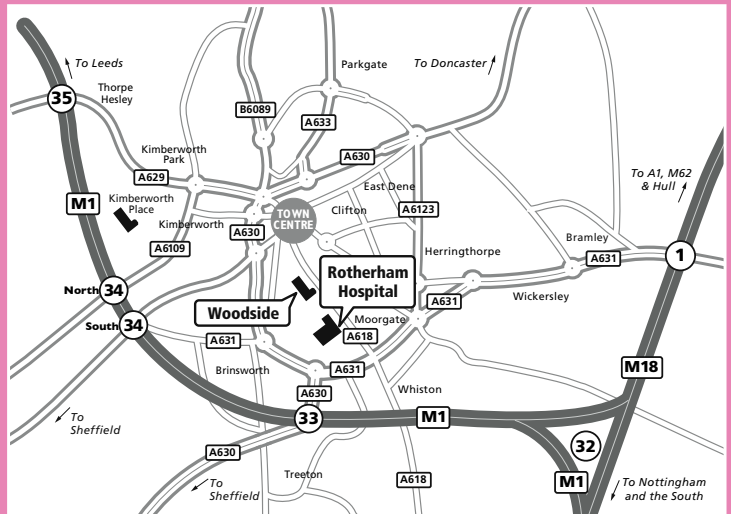
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