



Supporting Students with Medical Conditions Policy and Procedures

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1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this document a child, young person or student is referred to as a 'child' or a 'student' and they are normally under 18 years of age.

Wherever the term 'parent' is used, this includes any person with parental authority over the child concerned e.g. carers, legal guardians.

Wherever the term 'Head of College' is used this also refers to any manager with the equivalent responsibility for children.

Wherever the term 'Individual Healthcare Plan' (IHCP) is used this refers to an individual student's plan to help ensure that the College can effectively support a student with a medical condition.

2. STATEMENT OF INTENT

This policy is issued in line with statutory and non-statutory guidance relating to Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which places a duty on proprietors of academies to make arrangements for supporting students at their academy with medical conditions.

In meeting the duty, the College must have regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 100.

This policy is also in line with:

- Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage;
- Education (Independent Academy Standards) Regulations 2014;
- Education and Skills Act 2008;
- Children Act 1989;
- Childcare Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010;
- Human Medicines Regulations 2012;
- Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This policy has regard to the following guidance and advice:

- Supporting students at school with medical conditions (DfE, September 2014)
- Automated external defibrillators (AEDs); a guide for colleges (DfE, January 2025);
- Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in colleges (Department of Health, March 2015)
- Guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in colleges (Department of Health, September 2017);
- First aid in schools, early years and further education (DfE, updated February 2022)
- Mental Health and behaviour in colleges: departmental advice for academy staff (DfE, November 2018)
- Medical conditions at academy (Health Conditions in Colleges Alliance)
- Health protection in colleges and other childcare facilities (Public Health England, March 2019)

The College Risk Assessment is published on the website.

The Policy will be reviewed annually but will be revised accordingly in line with guidance.

Vega College (hereinafter referred to as 'the college') believe that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, should be properly supported in college so that they can play a full and active role in college life, remain healthy and achieve across the whole curriculum and this includes access to college trips and physical education (PE).

We understand that the parents of children with medical conditions are often concerned that their child's health will deteriorate when they attend college because they may not receive the on-going support, medicines, monitoring, care or emergency interventions that they need while at college to help them manage

their condition and keep them well. By putting in place suitable arrangements and procedures to manage their needs, this College is committed to ensuring that parents feel confident that effective support for their child's medical condition will be provided and that their child will feel safe at college.

We also understand that children's health needs may change over time, in ways that cannot always be predicted, sometimes resulting in extended absences and our arrangements take this into account. We undertake to receive and fully consider advice from involved healthcare professionals and listen to and value the views of parents and students. Given that many medical conditions that require support at college affect a child's quality of life and may even be life-threatening, our focus will be on the needs of each individual child and how their medical condition impacts on their college life, be it on a long or short term basis.

In addition to the educational impacts, we realise that there are social and emotional implications associated with medical conditions. Children may be self-conscious about their condition and some may be bullied or develop emotional disorders such as anxiety or depression around their medical condition. In particular, long-term absences due to health problems may affect children's educational attainment, impact on their ability to integrate or re-integrate with their peers and affect their general wellbeing and emotional health.

We fully understand that reintegration back into college needs to be properly supported so that children with medical conditions fully engage with learning and do not fall behind when they are unable to attend. Short-term and frequent absences, including those for appointments connected with a student's medical condition (which can often be lengthy) also need to be effectively managed and the support we have in place is aimed at limiting the impact on a child's educational attainment and emotional and general wellbeing.

This college also appreciates that some children with medical conditions may be disabled, and their needs must be met under the Equality Act 2010. Some children may also have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and may have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision. For children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), this policy should be read in conjunction with our SEND Policy and the DfE statutory guidance document Special Educational Needs and Disability: Code of Practice 0-25 Years (DfE: January 2015).

3. ORGANISATION

Steering Group

The Steering Group of Vega College are legally responsible and accountable for fulfilling the statutory duty to make arrangements to support students with medical conditions in college, including the development and implementation of this policy.

Supporting a child with a medical condition and ensuring their needs are met effectively, however, is not the sole responsibility of one person - it is the responsibility of the Steering Group as a whole to ensure that:

- no child with a medical condition is denied admission or prevented from taking up a place at this college because arrangements to manage their medical condition have not been made while at the same time, in line with safeguarding duties, ensure that no student's health is put at unnecessary risk, for example, from infectious diseases;
- there is effective cooperative working with others including healthcare professionals, social care professionals (as appropriate), local authorities, parents and students as outlined in this policy;
- there is clear understanding at this setting's strategic level and, where relevant, across all partnership workers that:
 - Local Authorities (LA) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) must make joint commissioning arrangements for education, health and care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities (S26: Children and Families Act 2014);
 - LAs are responsible for commissioning public health services for statutory college- aged children including Academy nursing, but this does not include clinical support for children in colleges who have long-term conditions and disabilities, which remains a CCG commissioning responsibility. When children need care which falls outside the remit of Academy nurses, e.g.

postural support or gastrostomy and tracheostomy care, CCG commissioned arrangements must be adequate to provide the ongoing support essential to the safety of these vulnerable children whilst in college; and

- Providers of health services should co-operate with college including appropriate communication, liaison with healthcare professionals such as specialists and children's community nurses, as well as participating in locally developed outreach and training.
- Ofsted will consider how well a mainstream setting meets the needs of the students with medical conditions, with Vega College being reviewed by Leger Education trust in addition to the Local Authority, making key judgements informed by the progress and achievement of these children alongside those of students with special educational needs and disabilities, and also by students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- sufficient staff have received suitable training and are competent before they take on duties to support children with medical conditions;
- staff who provide such support are able to access information and other teaching support materials as needed.
- funding arrangements support proper implementation of this policy e.g., for staff training, resources etc.

The Head of College

The Head of College has a responsibility to ensure that this policy is developed and implemented effectively with partners.

To achieve this, the Head of College has delegated responsibility to the Admin Assistant for the collection from mainstream school and implementation of IHCPs and will make certain that college arrangements include ensuring that:

- all staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in its implementations;
- all staff and other adults who need to know are aware of a child's condition including supply staff, peripatetic teachers, coaches etc.
- where a child has an IHCP it is implemented and appropriately monitored and reviewed;
- sufficient trained numbers of staff are available to implement the policy and deliver against all IHCPs, including in contingency and emergency situations;
- staff are appropriately insured and are aware that they are insured to support students in this way;
- appropriate health professionals are made aware of any child who has a medical condition that may require support at college and who has not already been brought to their attention;
- children at risk of reaching the threshold for missing education due to health needs are identified and effective collaborative working with partners such as the LA and alternative education providers such as the hospital teaching service aims to ensure a good education for them;
- risk assessments are developed alongside the mainstream school and take account of the need to support students with medical conditions as appropriate, for example on educational visits or activities outside the normal timetable.
- all students with a risk assessment for a medical condition have had this reviewed by the Head of College to ensure it is fit for purpose.

College Staff

Any member of staff may be asked to provide support to students with medical conditions. While administering medicines is not part of teachers' professional duties, they should still take into account the needs of students with medical conditions that they teach. Arrangements made in line with this policy should ensure that we attain our commitment to staff receiving sufficient and suitable training and achieving the necessary level of competency before they take on duties to support children with medical conditions.

Any member of college staff should know what to do and respond accordingly when they become aware that a student with a medical condition needs help.

A designated pastoral or admin staff member will have specific responsibility for the implementation of IHCPs within Vega College following the creation of the IHCP by the students' mainstream school.

Academy Nurses and Other Healthcare Professionals

The mainstream setting has access to a college nursing service which is responsible for notifying the college when a child has been identified as having a medical condition which will require support. Wherever possible, they should do this before the child starts at Vega College and our arrangements for liaison support this process.

While the mainstream schools' nursing service will not have an extensive role in ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to support students with medical conditions, they are available to support staff on implementing a child's IHCP by providing advice, liaison with other health officials – such as lead clinicians or a child's General Practitioner (GP) and with training.

Students

It is recognised that the student with the medical condition will often be best placed to provide information about how their condition affects them. Vega College will seek to involve them fully in discussions about their medical support needs at a level appropriate to their age and maturity and, where necessary, with a view to the development of their long-term capability to manage their own condition well. They should contribute as much as possible to the development of, and comply with, their IHCP.

It is also recognised that the sensitive involvement of other students in Vega College may be required, not only to support the student with the medical condition, but also to break down societal myths and barriers and to develop inclusivity.

Parents

Parents are key partners in the success of this policy. They may, in some cases, be the first to notify both their mainstream school and Vega College that their child has a medical condition and, where one is required, will be invited to be involved in the drafting, development and review of their child's IHCP by their mainstream school.

Parents should provide college with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs. They should carry out any action they have agreed to as part of its implementation, e.g. provide medicines and equipment and ensure they or another nominated adult are contactable at all times.

4. ARRANGEMENTS/PROCEDURES

Procedure for the Notification that a Student has a Medical Condition

While it is understood that Vega College does not have to wait for a formal diagnosis before providing support to a student because in some cases their medical condition may be unclear or there may be a difference of opinion, judgements will still need to be made about the support to provide and they will require basis in the available evidence. This should involve some form of medical evidence and consultation with parents and the students' mainstream school. Where evidence is conflicting, it is for the mainstream school alongside Vega College to present some degree of challenge in the interests of the child concerned, in order to get the right support put in place.

College Attendance and Re-integration

Every Local Authority (LA) must have regard to the DfE statutory guidance, '[Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend college because of health needs](#)' (January 2013) and Vega College undertakes to liaise with the LA to ensure that everyone is working in the best interests of children who may be affected. Where a student would not receive a suitable education at Vega College because of their health needs, the LA in conjunction with the students' mainstream school has a duty to make other arrangements, in particular when it becomes clear that a child will be away from their mainstream school and Vega College for 15 days or more (whether consecutive or cumulative across the College year).

Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCP)

An IHCP is a working document that will help ensure that Vega College can effectively support a student with

a medical condition. It will provide clarity about what needs to be done, when, and by whom, and aims to capture the steps which Vega College should take to help the child manage their condition and overcome any potential barriers to get the most from their education. It will focus on the child's best interests and help ensure that Vega College can assess and manage identified risks to their education, health and social well-being and minimise disruption.

An IHCP will often be essential, such as in cases where conditions fluctuate or where there is a high risk that emergency intervention will be needed and are likely to be helpful in the majority of other cases, especially where medical conditions are long-term and complex. However, not all children will require one. The mainstream school, college, relevant healthcare professional and parent will need to agree, based on evidence, when an IHCP would be inappropriate or disproportionate. If a consensus cannot be reached the mainstream school is considered best placed to and will take the final view. The process for identifying and agreeing the support a student needs in an IHCP is located in Appendix A.

The creation of the IHCP is the responsibility of the mainstream school. The level of detail within an IHCP will depend on the complexity of the child's condition and the degree of support they need and this is important because different children with the same health condition may require very different support. Where a child has SEND but does not have an EHC Plan, their special educational needs will be mentioned in their IHCP. Where a child has SEN identified in an EHC Plan, the IHCP will be linked to or become part of that EHC Plan.

In general, an IHCP will cover:

- the medical condition, its triggers, signs, symptoms and treatments;
- the student's resulting needs, including medicine (dose, side-effects and storage), and other treatments, time, facilities e.g. need for privacy, equipment, testing, access to food and drink (where this is used to manage their condition), dietary requirements and environmental issues e.g. crowded corridors, travel time between lessons etc. and being added to the register of asthma sufferers who can receive salbutamol where applicable;
- specific support for the student's educational, social and emotional needs – for example, how absences will be managed, requirements for extra time to complete exams, use of rest periods or additional support in catching up with lessons, counselling sessions etc.;
- the level of support needed, (some children will be able to take responsibility for their own health needs and this is encouraged), including in emergencies. If a child is self-managing their medicine, this should be clearly stated with appropriate arrangements for monitoring;
- who will provide this support, their training needs, expectations of their role and confirmation of their proficiency to provide support for the child's medical condition from a relevant healthcare professional (where necessary); and cover arrangements for when they are unavailable;
- who in the mainstream school needs to be aware of the child's condition and the support required;
- arrangements for written permission from parents and the Head of College for medicines to be administered by a member of staff whilst attending at Vega College
- any separate arrangements or procedures required for college trips or other activities outside of the normal college timetable that will ensure the child can participate, e.g. risk assessments;
- where confidentiality issues are raised by the parent/child, the designated individuals to be entrusted with information about the child's condition; and
- what to do in an emergency, including whom to contact, and contingency arrangements. If a child has an emergency health care plan prepared by their lead Clinician, it will be used by the mainstream school to inform development of their IHCP.

IHCPs, (and their review), may be initiated, in consultation with the parent, by the mainstream school or a healthcare professional involved in providing care to the child. Partners should agree who will take the lead in writing the plan, but responsibility for ensuring it is finalised and implemented rests with the mainstream school. Vega College will work in collaboration with the mainstream school where identified.

An IHCP will be reviewed at least annually and earlier if there is any evidence that a child's needs have changed. This review should also trigger a re-check of any registers held e.g. asthma sufferers with

permission to receive emergency salbutamol and may require a re-check of insurance arrangements especially where a new medical procedure is required.

5. STUDENTS MANAGING THEIR OWN MEDICAL CONDITIONS

After discussion with parents, children who are competent will be encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own medicines and procedures and this will be reflected in their IHCP. To facilitate this, wherever possible, children will be allowed to carry their own medicines and relevant devices or will be able to access them for self-medication quickly and easily.

Children who can take their medicines or manage procedures themselves may require an appropriate level of supervision and this will be reflected in the IHCP too. If it is not appropriate for a child to self-manage, then relevant staff will help to administer medicines and manage procedures for them.

If a child refuses to take medicine or carry out a necessary procedure, staff will not force them to do so but will follow the procedure agreed in the IHCP as well as inform parents. This is an occurrence that may trigger a review of the IHCP

6. TRAINING

The Head of College has overall responsibility for ensuring that there are sufficient trained numbers of staff available in college and off-site accompanying educational visits or sporting activities to implement the policy and deliver against all IHCPs, including in contingency and emergency situations. This includes ensuring that there is adequate cover for both planned and unplanned staff absences and there are adequate briefings in place for occasional, peripatetic or supply staff.

Any member of college staff providing support to a student with medical needs will receive sufficient training to ensure that they are competent and have confidence in their ability to fulfil the requirements set out in IHCPs. They will need an understanding of the specific medical condition(s) they are being asked to deal with; any implications and preventative measures and staff training needs will be identified during the review of IHCPs.

It is recognised that some staff may already have some knowledge of the specific support needed by a child with a medical condition and so extensive training may not always be required, but staff who provide support will be included in meetings where training is discussed. The family of a child will often be key in providing relevant information about how their child's needs can be met, and parents will be asked for their views - they should provide specific advice but will not be the sole trainer.

A relevant healthcare professional will normally lead on identifying and agreeing with the mainstream school, the type and level of training required, and how training can be obtained usually through the development of IHCPs. Healthcare professionals can also provide confirmation of the proficiency of staff in a medical procedure, or in providing medicine and college will keep records of training and proficiency checks.

Staff must not give prescription medicines or undertake health care procedures without appropriate training. A first-aid certificate does not constitute appropriate training in supporting children with medical conditions, but some training could be very simple and delivered by an appropriate person in college – for example basic training covering college procedures for administering a non-emergency prescribed oral medicine.

7. MANAGING MEDICINES

This college is committed to the proper management of medicines and there are clear procedures that must be followed.

- Medicines are only to be administered at Vega College when it would be detrimental to a child's health or attendance not to do so.
- No child under 16 is to be given prescription medicines without their parent's written consent.
- A child under 16 is never to be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor.

- Where a student requires supervision to take their medication or where such medication will be administered by staff, students receiving medication should be made aware of when and where they should attend at the prescribed times during the course of the medication to receive their treatment.
- Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside college hours.
- With the exception of insulin, which may be provided in an insulin pen or pump, all medicines supplied to the college by parents must be provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration. Staff administering medication will check the student's name, the name of the medication, the prescribed dose, the expiry date, the method of administration, the time/frequency of administration, any side effects and the written instructions on the container before providing the medicine to the students. This is to be made clear within a child's IHCP as appropriate.
- Staff administering medicines must be supervised by another member of staff who will check all of the medication details.
- If staff are in any doubt over the procedure to be followed, parents will be contacted before action is taken.
- If a student refuses their medication, staff will record this and report to parents as soon as possible.
- All medicines are to be stored safely, in their original containers and in accordance with their storage instructions. Medicines can be kept in a refrigerator containing food but should be in an airtight container and clearly labelled. Access to a refrigerator holding medicines should be restricted. Children should know where their medicines are at all times and know the whereabouts of an adult who has access to them immediately they might need them. Where relevant, they should also know who holds the key to any locked storage facility. Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens are to always be readily available to children and not locked away. Off-site this will be especially considered as part of the risk assessment process for educational visits.
- When no longer required, medicines will be returned to the parent for them to arrange safe disposal. Sharps boxes will always be used for the disposal of needles and other sharps.

8. CONTROLLED DRUGS

The supply, possession and administration of some medicines e.g. methylphenidate (Ritalin) are strictly controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and its associated regulations and are referred to as 'controlled drugs'. Therefore, it is imperative that controlled drugs are strictly managed between college and parents.

Ideally controlled drugs should be brought into college on a daily basis by parents and the medicine details and quantity handed over be carefully recorded on Medical Tracker. If a daily delivery is not a reasonable expectation of the parent, supplies should be limited to no more than one week unless there are exceptional circumstances. In some circumstances, the drugs may be delivered to college by a third party e.g. transport escort. In this case, the medicine should be received in a security sealed container/bag.

We recognise that a child who has been prescribed a controlled drug may legally have it in their possession if they are competent to do so, but passing it to another child for use is an offence. Monitoring arrangements may be necessary and will be agreed on in the IHCP, otherwise Vega College will keep controlled drugs prescribed for a student securely stored in a non-portable container to which only named staff will have access. They will still be easily accessible in an emergency and clear records kept of doses administered and the amount of the controlled drug held in college.

College staff may administer a controlled drug to the child for whom it has been prescribed in accordance with the prescriber's instructions and a record will be kept in the same way as for the administration of other medicines. It is considered best practice for the administration of controlled drugs to be witnessed by a second adult.

The name of the member of staff administering the drug will be recorded and they will initial under 'Staff initials (1)'. The second member of staff witnessing the administration of controlled drugs will initial under 'Staff initials (2)'. These initial signatures should be legible enough to identify individuals.

9. RECORD KEEPING

Vega College will keep a record of all medicines administered to individual children via Medical Tracker, stating what, how and how much was administered, when and by whom. Any side effects the student experiences are also to be noted.

Where a student requires administration or self-administration of a controlled drug they will have an individual record on Medical Tracker. Details of receipts and returns of the controlled drug will be accurately recorded on Medical Tracker.

Where a student is given a medicine as a one-off e.g. prescribed pain relief, it will be recorded on Medical Tracker, co-supervised by two members of staff.

Emergency Procedures

The child's IHCP should be the primary reference point for action to take in an emergency. It will clearly state what constitutes an emergency for that child and include immediate and follow-up action.

To ensure the IHCP is effective, adequate briefing of all relevant staff regarding emergency signs, symptoms and procedures is required and will be shared with staff, re-visited regularly and updated as an IHCP changes. Similarly, appropriate briefings for other students are required as far as what to do in general terms i.e. inform a teacher immediately if they think help is needed.

In general, immediately an emergency occurs, the emergency services will be summoned in accordance with normal college emergency procedures and Appendix G.

If a child needs to be taken to hospital, a member of the college staff will remain with them until a parent or member of staff from the students' mainstream school arrives. This may mean that they will need to go to hospital in the ambulance.

10. EMERGENCY SALBUTAMOL INHALERS

Asthma is the most common chronic condition in the UK, affecting one in eleven children. There are on average, two children with asthma in every classroom¹ and over 25,000 emergency hospital admissions every year for asthma amongst children.² An Asthma UK survey found that 86% of children with asthma have at some time been without an inhaler at college having forgotten, lost or broken it, or the inhaler having run out. Before 1 October 2014, it was illegal for provisions to hold emergency salbutamol inhalers for the use of students whose own inhaler was not available.

From 1 October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2014 allows (but does not require) provisions to keep a salbutamol inhaler for use in an asthma emergency.

¹ Asthma UK, 'Asthma Facts and FAQs', <http://www.asthma.org.uk/asthma-facts-and-statistics>.

² The NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare for Children and Young People gives the numbers of emergency admissions of children and young people for asthma in each former PCT / local authority area <http://www.sepho.org.uk/extras/maps/NHSAtlasChildHealth/atlas.html>

We will continue to be vigilant in checking, alongside the mainstream school, that inhalers are in date and that children who need them have sufficient supplies in college. The asthma register will be kept up to date by the named first aider.

11. ALLERGENS

An allergen is a substance that can cause an allergic reaction. In some people, the immune system recognises allergens as foreign or dangerous. As a result, the immune system reacts by making a type of antibody called immunoglobulin E (IgE) to defend against the allergen.

- Cereals containing gluten and their products – namely, wheat, rye, barley, oats and spelt, and their

hybrid strains

- Crustacea and their products
- Egg and egg products
- Fish and fish products
- Milk and milk products
- Peanuts and peanut products
- Tree nuts and tree nut products (does not include coconut)
- Sesame seeds and sesame seed products
- Soybean and soybean products
- Added sulphites in concentrations of 10mg/kg or more
- Lupin

12. COLLEGE MEAL PROVIDERS

Vega College provides food from an outside caterer, through the ordering of food, for example prepacked sandwiches, from a supermarket for students who are eligible for free college meals. All students may access this provision in the event of not having brought their own food.

All staff must be aware of how to deal with a serious allergic reaction to food – it is not always apparent that a student has an allergy until they encounter a particular product. Those who are known to have allergies may well have been issued with emergency medication such as adrenaline in the form of a 'pen'. All staff must be aware of where to find the emergency medication and who can be contacted to administer the medication effectively. In all provisions, more than one person will need to be trained to administer the medication. Reference should also be made to the KAHSC Safety Series M02 – Managing Anaphylaxis and Allergies.

13. HOME TO COLLEGE TRANSPORT

While it is the responsibility of the LA to ensure student safety on statutory home to college transport the LA may find it helpful to be aware of the contents of a student's IHCP that the mainstream school has prepared. The LA must know if a student travels on home to college transport and has a life-threatening condition and carries emergency medicine so that they can develop an appropriate transport healthcare plan. The mainstream school should undertake to appropriately share IHCP information with the LA for this purpose and will make this clear to parents in the development meeting.

Where transport is organised by the college on a private arrangement with parents, the responsibility for ensuring that the transport operator is aware of a student with a life-threatening medical condition rests with the college in consultation with the parents. In some cases, it may be appropriate to share elements of the student's IHCP with the transport operator.

14. DEFIBRILLATORS

Sudden cardiac arrest is when the heart stops beating and it can happen to people at any age and without warning. When it does happen, quick action (in the form of early Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation - CPR - and defibrillation) can help save lives. A defibrillator is a machine used to give an electric shock to restart a patient's normal heart rhythm when they are in cardiac arrest. There is a defibrillator located onsite, next to the lift on the ground floor. In the instance where the defibrillator is required, a member of staff will call 999 for an ambulance.

15. UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICE

While it is essential that all staff act in accordance with their training, in any given situation they should be confident in using their discretion and judging each case on its merits with reference to a child's IHCP. It is not however, generally acceptable practice at this college to:

- prevent children from easily accessing their inhalers and medicine and administering their medicines when and where necessary;
- assume that every child with the same condition requires the same treatment;

- ignore the views of the child or their parents; or ignore medical evidence or opinion, (although staff will be supported to appropriately challenge this where they have genuine concerns);
- send children with medical conditions home frequently or prevent them from staying for normal college activities, including lunch, unless this is specified in their individual healthcare plans;
- if the child becomes ill, send them to the college office unaccompanied or with someone unsuitable;
- penalise children for their attendance record if their absences are related to their medical condition e.g. hospital appointments;
- prevent students from drinking, eating or taking toilet or other breaks whenever they need to in order to manage their medical condition effectively;
- require parents, or otherwise make them feel obliged, to attend college to administer medicine or provide medical support to their child, including with toileting issues. No parent should have to give up working because the college is failing to support their child's medical needs; or
- prevent children from participating, or create unnecessary barriers to children participating in any aspect of college life, including College trips, e.g. by requiring parents to accompany the child.

16. INSURANCE

The college's insurance provides liability cover for staff undertaking activities in accordance with college policies and procedures. This includes carrying out risk assessments, identified where appropriate, alongside the student's mainstream school, associated with supporting students with medical conditions, the administration of medication and any other healthcare procedures as identified through the IHCP process. If an IHCP review identifies that an entirely new medical procedure is required, the college management will ensure that any staff involved in undertaking this procedure receive the appropriate instruction and training.

17. COMPLAINTS

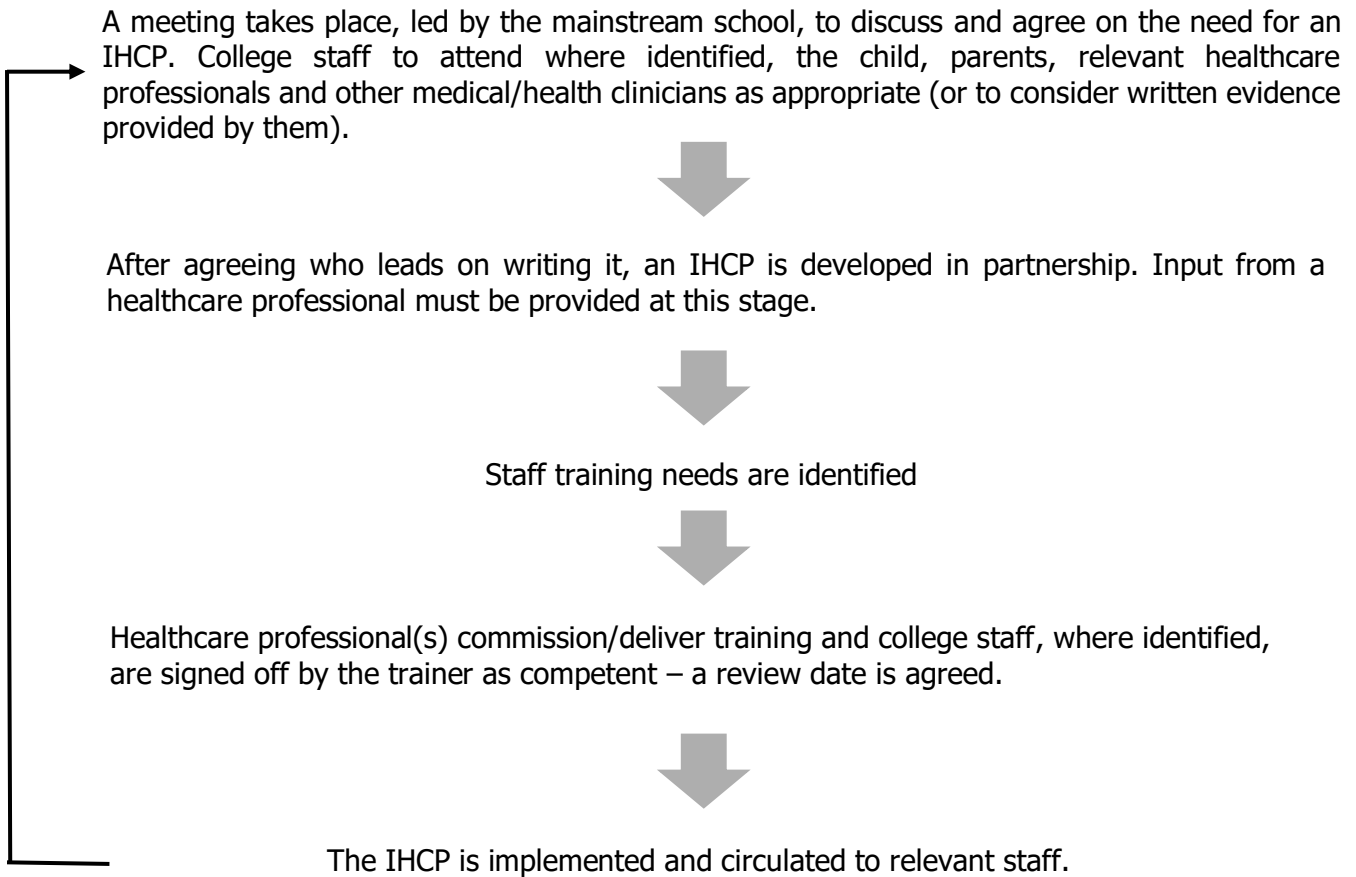
Should parents or students be dissatisfied with the support provided they should discuss their concerns directly with the Head of College in the first instance. If for whatever reason this does not resolve the issue, they may make a formal complaint through the normal college complaints procedure. This is available on our college website or copies are available from the college office.

APPENDIX A – PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLAN (IHCP)

A parent or healthcare professional informs their mainstream school and the College that a child with a medical condition:

- has been newly diagnosed; or,
- has had a change in their health needs; or,
- is due to attend this college as a new student; or,
- is due to return to this college after a long term absence.

The mainstream school coordinates a meeting to discuss the child’s medical support needs and identifies member(s) of college staff who will provide support to the student. With appropriate input from parents and in some cases a healthcare professional as well it may be agreed at this point that an IHCP is unnecessary because there will be no significant information to record on it and this along with any measures in place generally to support the child will be communicated to parents.



APPENDIX B – PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SETTING TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE

The college will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the college

has a policy that the staff can administer medicine.

Date for review to be initiated by	
Name of provision	
Name of child	
Date of birth	
Group/class/form	
Medical condition or illness	

Medicine

Name/type of medicine (as described on the container)	
Expiry date	
Dosage and method	
Timing	
Special precautions/other instructions	
Are there any side effects that the provision needs to know about?	
Self-administration – y/n	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

Contact Details

Name	
Daytime telephone no.	
Relationship to child	
Address	
I understand that I must deliver the medicine personally to	[agreed member of staff]

The above information is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate at the time of writing and I give consent to college/setting staff administering medicine in accordance with the college/setting policy. I will inform the college/setting immediately, in writing, if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication or if the medicine is stopped.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

APPENDIX C - CONSENT FORM: USE OF EMERGENCY SALBUTAMOL INHALER

Supporting Students with Asthma

Dear Parent,

In accordance with guidance from the NHS, Vega College provides additional support to students with asthma.

This is highlighted within the college's Supporting Students with Medical Conditions policy.

The college retains two emergency salbutamol inhalers within the college for use in an emergency. This is a precautionary measure, parents/guardians would still need to provide your child with their own inhaler and spacer as prescribed.

Please note that everyone with asthma should use a spacer with their inhaler in order to deliver maximum benefit to the lungs (unless your child has a breath actuated inhaler). If your child does not have a spacer or has not had an asthma review in the past 12 months, please book an appointment with your GP as soon as possible. For more information on reasons for and how to use a spacer, see Asthma UK: www.asthma.org.uk

Please complete the information below and return to Vega College:

1. I confirm that my child has been diagnosed with asthma.
2. I confirm my child has been prescribed an inhaler.
3. My child has a working, in-date inhaler, and spacer clearly labelled with their name, which they will have with them within college every day.
4. Please tick if you DO NOT wish for your child to use a salbutamol inhaler provided by the college an emergency.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Child's name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Yours sincerely,



Miss G Galloway
Head of College

APPENDIX D - STAFF TRAINING RECORD – ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

Name of Provision

Name

**Type of Training
Received**

**Date of Training
Completion**

Training Provided By

Profession and Title

I confirm that [name of member of staff] has received the training detailed above and is competent to carry out any necessary treatment. I recommend that the training is updated [name of member of staff].

Trainer's signature _____

Date _____

I confirm that I have received the training detailed above.

Staff signature _____

Suggested Review
Date _____