



Introducing the new School Nursing Service in Ayrshire and Arran

Who are school nurses and what do they do?

NHS school nurses are specialist nurses who provide support to school aged children. Every school has an allocated school nurse.

The school nursing team is made up of school nurses, community staff nurses and health care support workers. They are trained in providing early intervention and support to help children and young people maximise their health and wellbeing and avoid more serious health concerns in later life.

The school nursing service adopts a Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and trauma skilled approach when working with children and families in gaining consent, respecting confidentiality and sharing information where and when appropriate. All children and young people have the right to access the same services, including those children and young people who are home schooled.

The school nursing service support families and build on their strengths, connecting them to the right supports at the right time.

**Working together to achieve the healthiest
life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran**



The new refocused school nursing role

The school nurse role will concentrate on 10 priority areas:

- Emotional Health and wellbeing
- Substance Use
- Child Protection
- Youth Justice
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Health and wellbeing
- Care Experienced Children
- Homelessness
- Transitions
- Young Carers



School nurses can make referrals into other services ensuring children receive the correct care and support at the right time.

If you need further advice or support in relation to any of the ten priority areas mentioned above for a school-aged child, please contact your named school nurse.

How do you contact the school nursing service?

Children or young people, parents and carers can speak to their teacher or guidance teacher to discuss if a referral to a school nurse might help or can also contact the school nursing service directly on the telephone numbers provided below.

School nursing contact details

East Ayrshire: ☎ 01563 545737

North Ayrshire: ☎ 01294 323992

South Ayrshire: ☎ 01292 885501

Out of hours social work department ☎ 0800 328 7758

NHS24 ☎ 111

