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To: CCG Chief Officers and Clinical leads, CCG and Local authority leads Children's leads, School Governors, School Nursing leads, Epilepsy Network leads, Greater London Authority

Dear Colleagues,

### **Publication of Epilepsy guide for schools to complement existing school health resources**

Healthy London Partnership brings together the NHS in London with our partners to deliver better health and care for all Londoners. Partners include the Mayor of London, Greater London Authority, Public Health England, London Councils, Health Education England and the 32 London Clinical Commissioning Groups. We are writing to inform you about our latest publication on epilepsy, which supports a suite of resources for pre-school, early years, primary and secondary schools, as well as out of school groups.

#### **Epilepsy Guide – NEW**

Epilepsy is an umbrella term for conditions that cause a person to have recurring seizures which can have an effect on learning and behaviour. The average primary school may have one to two pupils rising to five pupils within a secondary school. This new **London epilepsy guide for schools: Improving care for children and young people with epilepsy** will help teachers, classroom assistants and other school staff understand and manage the condition and effectively manage it.

The guide can be found here on the Healthy London website

<https://www.healthy london.org/sites/default/files/u102092/HLP%20Epilepsy%20guide%20for%20London%20schools%20final.pdf>

The epilepsy guide complements our suite of other resources for long term conditions.

#### **Asthma Guide and resources**

Having asthma has implications for a child's schooling and learning. It impacts on care given within school and early years' settings. Appropriate asthma care is necessary for the individual's immediate safety, long-term well-being, and optimal academic performance. Following this guide will enable school staff to effectively manage children and young people with asthma in a school setting. <https://www.healthy london.org/latest/publications/schools-asthma-guide>

Additional resources to assist schools regarding asthma are available in the London Asthma Toolkit which can be found here <https://www.healthy london.org/children-and-young-people/london-asthma-toolkit/schools>

#### **Diabetes in schools**

*Children and young people diabetes guide: A London guide for teachers and parents of children and young people with diabetes: pre-school, early years, primary and secondary schools.* This can be found here <https://www.healthy london.org/latest/publications/children-young-people-diabetes>

Further resources can be found on the Diabetes UK website here

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/schools>

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