South East London Integrated Care System

NHS South East London

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Ref: Benedict's Law

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to provide an update on South East London's approach to the implementation of Benedict's Law and the Department for Education statutory guidance, Allergy Safety in Schools (July 2026). The publication of the final statutory guidance has provided greater clarity regarding the respective responsibilities of schools, local authorities and health partners in implementing the new requirements.

Whilst earlier discussions and planning were informed by a range of proposals and recommendations from national stakeholders and campaign groups, the final guidance places responsibility on schools for implementing the statutory requirements, including allergy policies, staff training, emergency preparedness and the provision of spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs). The guidance also establishes schools and education settings as the primary organisations responsible for implementation.

In light of this clarification, South East London ICB has reviewed its approach to local implementation. Rather than developing separate NHS-led delivery arrangements, the ICB will focus on providing system leadership, coordination and support to local authorities, schools and education partners to facilitate effective implementation of the statutory requirements. The statutory guidance remains the primary reference point for implementation, and schools and local authorities are expected to progress preparations in line with the requirements set out by the Department for Education.

To support implementation across South East London, SEL ICB will:

1. Promote awareness of the statutory requirements and associated responsibilities.
2. Share implementation resources, guidance and examples of good practice.
3. Support engagement between local authorities, schools and education partners.
4. Facilitate access to information on AAI kit suppliers and training providers.

Schools and education settings should continue to prepare for implementation by:

1. Reviewing the statutory guidance and assessing local readiness against the requirements.
2. Developing or updating allergy safety policies and associated procedures.
3. Ensuring appropriate staff training arrangements are in place. Training should be aligned to the specific AAI devices used within the school setting
4. Procuring spare adrenaline auto-injector (AAI) emergency kits and establishing appropriate processes for their storage, maintenance and use.
5. Working with parents, carers and healthcare professionals, where appropriate, to ensure individual healthcare plans are in place for pupils who require them.

To support implementation, schools may wish to refer to the following resources:

1. Department for Education Allergy Safety in Schools Statutory Guidance.
2. Benedict's Law: New Allergy Requirements 2026 for Schools - Anaphylaxis UK
3. Spare Adrenaline in Schools Resource Hub.
4. Allergies in schools | National Education Union

We would welcome your support in ensuring a coordinated approach across local authorities, education partners and schools as implementation progresses.

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Kind regards,





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