

## **Position Statement for the Medical Education Service**

NYCC is strongly committed to the principle that children & young people should receive education by being in school, educated by teachers and supported by social networks of the school community. All parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their children receive an efficient full time education, suitable to their age, aptitude and ability and any Special Educational Needs they may have.

There are a number of children and young pupil who cannot attend school full-time due to medical needs & there is medical evidence in place to support this. The school has a statutory duty to make arrangements for children with medical needs to ensure they can access education. These children and young people should still receive an offer of education from their school which may be enhanced by the MES. The MES will work with the schools to ensure the provision in place is appropriate for the CYP's needs until they are medically ready to reintegrate into their school. Sometimes this is advice and guidance to a school, rather than an offer of provision from the Medical Education Service.

The aim of the Medical Education Service is to offer an accessible education, in partnership with the school. Our experience has taught us the importance of maintaining boundaries between the child / young person's home and their education. Therefore, we will always endeavour to offer education on the school site or a nearby public place, rather than in the home. We often offer tuition in a small group in order to facilitate social links with peers. This is vital, particularly for children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs. The team around the child / young person will support them to be able to leave the home and access education. Evidence has shown that the longer a child remains in the home, the more difficult it is for them to reintegrate into school and the wider world.

The health professionals, school, parent / carer, MES and SEND Hubs, and all other professionals will work together from the outset to support reintegration. The health professional will be invited to attend the half termly reviews or submit regular updates and next steps in advance of the meeting if they are unable to attend. This will inform the ongoing provision and plan for reintegration.