

FOI 3984

School Allergy Training

Provide information relating to allergy and anaphylaxis training provided by the Trust to schools. Provide the following information for the school years:

- 2023/24
- 2024/25
- 2025/26 to date (if available)

Since 2022, Recognition and Treatment of Anaphylaxis training is available to all schools via the Education Authority (EA) website

<https://www.eani.org.uk/centralised-health-awareness-training>

It is available for all primary, post primary and special schools including Nursery schools & Nursery units within primary school that come under the responsibility of the Education Authority.

Training Activity

- 1. The number of schools that received any allergy or anaphylaxis related training from the Trust in each school year.**

As detailed above, training for EA staff is via the EA website. This data is not held by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

- 2. The total number of school staff trained in each school year.**

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- 3. Where held, a breakdown of staff trained by role (for example teachers, classroom assistants, school leaders, catering staff, transport staff or other).**

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- 4. The number of training sessions delivered in each school year.**

N/A. Training is via online EA resources.

- 5. The average duration of training sessions, where recorded.**

N/A

Training Content

- 6. Indicate Yes / No as to whether training delivered to schools includes the following topics:**

Completed domains below reflect the content within the recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis training available to all schools via the EA website



Topic	Yes / No
What allergy is	Y
Difference between allergy and anaphylaxis	Y
Common allergy triggers	Y
First-time allergic reactions	Y
Prevention of allergen exposure	Y
Cross contamination	Y
Classroom food activities / cooking / baking	Y
School meals / catering awareness	Y
School allergy risk assessments	Y (training advises schools to undertake risk assessments)
Inclusion of pupils with allergies	Y
School trips / residential	Y
Clubs / after-school activities	Y
PE / outdoor learning	Y
Individual Healthcare Plans	Y
Whole school allergy policies	N
School allergy risk assessments	Y – repeat of above noted
Recognising symptoms of allergic reaction	Y
Recognising symptoms of anaphylaxis	Y
Use of adrenaline auto-injectors	Y
Emergency response procedures	Y
Calling emergency services	Y
Post-incident procedures	Y
Refresher training / ongoing competency	Y

Additional Information

8. Confirm whether such training is mandatory or provided on request.

As detailed above training in the recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis can be accessed via the Education Authority (EA) website. It is the responsibility of the school to determine school staff to undertake the training. The Northern Health and Social Care Trust school nursing service complete an annual review of school held health plans which includes sending a letter to school Principals at the start of each academic year of all nursery schools (Education Authority) primary, post primary and special schools. Information provided includes signposting to the recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis training for those staff who require training. Training should be completed annually. This training is for all staff who may be required to administer an adrenaline auto injector (AAI) for example, EpiPen or Jext. The training presentation includes a demonstration of administration of emergency medication.

9. State whether schools may request bespoke training.

Bespoke training is not required as the training programme is now accessed via the EA website as detailed previously.

10. The number of requests for allergy/anaphylaxis training that could not be fulfilled, where recorded.

N/A