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MEDICATION POLICY

Easy Read Guide



YOUR RIGHTS



You have the right to manage your own medication and consent to its use



You have the right to have the risks and benefits of medication explained to you



Interaction wants to support you in managing your medication



Interaction respects your human rights, and wants you to live confidently and happily

DOCTOR AND DENTIST



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You are encouraged and supported to be involved in decision making around your medication where possible



The doctor or dentist will decide whether you are able to make decisions about getting a particular medication



A doctor or dentist may ask consent from you or your guardian in receiving a particular medicine



A doctor or dentist is responsible for prescribing medication to you. A pharmacist will give the medicine according to your prescription

ACCOMMODATION AND SHARED LIVING



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Your medication will be reviewed annually in line with Interaction's Health and Wellbeing Policy



If you are receiving multiple medications, the review will be done every 6 months



If you are taking five or more medications, the review will be done by a pharmacist through the 'Home Medicines Review' program



The line manager will be responsible for checking if staff can properly give you medicine

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SELF-ADMINISTER MEDICINE



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You will be supported to manage and take your own medicine if you are able to



Your capacity to manage your own medication will be assessed through the Medication Risk Assessment



The Medication Risk Assessment will assess your capacity. We will also talk to your doctor, family, and staff to see if they think it is a good idea



If you are managing your own medication, it needs to be stored in a safe location that is not available to other participants

MEDICATION SUPPLY



When medication is received from the pharmacy, they will be checked with your prescription



This is to make sure you are getting the right medicine, and the right amount of it



Staff will also check over-the-counter medications, like Panadol



All medications you are taking, including over-the-counter medication, will be recorded and signed by the doctor ready for staff to sign off on each occasion.

STORAGE OF MEDICATION



Medication should be stored safely in a locked cabinet



If medication requires refrigeration, it must be kept separately from food in a sealed container



If possible, the refrigerator should not be the same one used by multiple participants



Staff will help you keep your medicine, if you plan to take it yourself without staff's help

STAFF



Staff must wear gloves when giving medication to participants



Staff will support you if you want to use other therapy including herbal remedies or acupuncture



Before starting other therapies, advice will need to be taken by your doctor



Injections should only be given by a doctor, a registered nurse, trained staff or self-administered by participants.