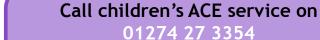
# GASTROENTERITIS REFERRAL FROM GENERAL PRACTICE INTO THE CHILDREN'S AMBULATORY CARE EXPERIENCE (ACE) SERVICE

Child aged 1 year to under 6 years who has gastroenteritis, with mild to moderate clinical signs of dehydration.

Mild to Moderate	
Respiratory Rate	1-2 years- 25-35
	2-5 years 20-30
Heart Rate	1-2 years- 100-150
	2-5 years- 95-140
Central Capillary Refill	Less than 2 seconds
Conscious Level	Slightly lethargic but rousable to alert and responsive
Urine Output	Normal to slightly decreased

#### Additional input given at home visit by ACE team:

- Support and encouragement with fluid intake
- · Parental confidence-building
- Monitoring effectiveness of treatment
- Education in managing future episodes
- Recognition of dehydration and deterioration
- Check urine sample if temp > 38



Be prepared to convey information required on referral pro-forma including pulse, RR and temperature (if > 39 reconsider diagnosis).



Ensure child has been weighed and has been prescribed oral rehydration therapy and 20ml syringe and parent/carer knows how to administer. If temperature >38C provide bottle for urine collection and testing.



#### Ensure parent/guardian has been given:

- 1. Copy of children's ACE service information leaflet.
- 2. Verbal safety-net advice and has also consented to share information with ACE.
- 3. Patient leaflet for GE and asked to record fluid volumes.



Allow the child home to await contact from children's ACE service. This will be within 2 hours of initial referral.



## **Exclusions:**

### Child:

Under 1 year or 6 years and over.

## **History /Suspicion of:**

- Metabolic, renal or electrolyte disorder.
- Diabetes.
- Complex congenital heart disease.
- Inflammatory bowel disease.
- Stoma.
- > Immunodeficiency.
- Suspected surgical abdomen. (bilious vomiting, blood in stools, tender/rigid abdomen)