

WSC Contraception Policy

Purpose

1. To provide students with healthy and safe choices concerning contraception
2. To ensure that students' dealings with the school nurse and the school doctor related to contraception remain confidential
3. To achieve 1. and 2. above in accordance with the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act (1977) and any subsequent amendments
4. To protect staff by ensuring that they follow an established code of conduct concerning confidentiality and contraception

Guidelines

1. Students will be provided with confidential advice and treatment concerning all highly personal and sensitive matters, subject to the proviso outlined in guideline 5 below.
2. WSC Health Centre staff will provide advice and treatment concerning contraception which is consistent with the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act, (1977) and any subsequent amendments.
3. WSC will provide services which promote healthy and safe choices about sexual activity for students.
4. All students under the age of 16 will be encouraged and supported by the school nurse and/or counsellor to inform their parents/relevant caregivers/whanau if they are sexually active.
5. WSC Health Centre staff will inform parents/relevant caregivers/whanau in cases where there is a serious risk of harm to self or others.
6. The school nurse will make a professional judgment concerning the need to confer with professional external agencies. In cases where the nurse refers a student to the doctor, the doctor will be responsible for confidentiality.

Procedures

1. Condoms will be provided to the school under the General Practitioners' Supply Order.
2. The school nurse will distribute condoms to individual students on request following consultation concerning their sexual health.
3. The school nurse will administer the morning-after pill within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse and will advise the school doctor of this at their following weekly meeting. The nurse will give all students a pregnancy test prior to being administered the pill and a subsequent test after three weeks.

References

- Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act (1977) and any subsequent amendments
- Nurses' Code of Ethics
- WSC Health and Safety Policy
- Guidelines for the Development and Operation of Standing Orders, November, 2002, Ministry of Health
- The Children, Young Persons and their Families Act, 1989
- General Practitioners' Supply Order

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