

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Management of Oropharyngeal Dysphagia for Community Health Partnerships Including Adults, Paediatrics and Mental Health and Learning Disabilities



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| | Standard Operating Procedure to Comply with NHS GG&C Swallow Policy | Review Date | |
| | | Version | 1 |
| Please see NHSGGC Food Fluid and Nutrition web pages for further information | | | |
| Aim | This SOP aims to ensure a consistent, standardised approach to the management of eating drinking and swallowing difficulties across partnership services including HSCP community services; paediatrics (including acute and CAMHS); adult Mental Health and in patient; learning disability services across a variety of in-patient and community settings. | | |
| Scope | This SOP covers all children and adults, within NHSGGC partnerships and applies to all clinical and HSCP staff involved with the care of people with eating, drinking and swallowing disorders. Scope is limited to dysphagia involving the oral cavity and pharynx. Oesophageal swallowing disorders and behavioural oro-feeding difficulties in children are not included within the remit of this SOP | | |
| Implementation | To support the implementation of the SoP, practice guidance to reflect the 3 main partnership areas has been developed; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSCP Adult Community Services• Paediatrics (including acute)• Adult Mental Health and Learning Disability in-patient settings | | |
| Monitoring and Review | This SOP will be reviewed in line with review of the policy. | | |

Oropharyngeal Swallowing Problems

Generic - Standard Operating Procedure

(Please see NHSGGC Food, Fluid and Nutrition web pages for further information)

New or Existing

Acute, new symptoms of dysphagia

Existing, chronic or changing symptoms of dysphagia

Current Situation

To gather and fully document **new oropharyngeal dysphagia**. This should include level of concern, who is concerned, current health status and existing conditions.

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Communication

Ensure concerns are **discussed with client /parent/ carer /POA & other relevant professionals / MDT & fully documented**, seek appropriate consent and escalate to SLT as per local process

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Actions

Refer to local Practice guidance for the appropriate care groups:

1. Community adults
2. Paediatrics (including acute)
3. Adult mental health and learning disability in patient.

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