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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE DOCUMENT (SOP)

Title	**Request to Insert or Re-site IV Cannulae**	**Doc. No.**	**CL033**
Scope	**Clinical Directorate**		
GUIDELINES	IV therapy should only ever be administered by the IV therapy team. In Liverpool and Sefton IV cannulae are only ever used for giving IV antibiotics. They do not give IV fluids under any circumstances in the community. The Knowsley and Halton IV therapy team may give fluids under certain circumstances.		

	PROCEDURE	**RESPONSIBILITY**
1	During Definitive Clinical Assessment a request is made by a patient, carer or Health Care Professional for a PC24 clinician to attend a home visit to either re-site or insert an IV cannula.	Primary Care 24 Clinician
2	Such requests should be professionally declined and an explanation given that the requester should contact the IV therapy team if the triaging clinician considers that this is clinically safe and appropriate.	Primary Care 24 Clinician
3	IV therapy team contact details – Liverpool & Sefton: 0151 285 4696 IV therapy team contact details – Knowsley & Halton: 0151 676 5441	Primary Care 24 Clinician
4	If there is any request for IV fluid therapy, such as for palliative patients, this again should be declined and an explanation given to the requester that in Liverpool IV fluids are not currently given in the community and the only alternative there would be to consider a secondary care admission. As this is usually not an appropriate outcome, especially for palliative care patients, the clinician should carefully consider the best interests of the patient and discuss this empathically with the patient, their family and/or their care team. In Knowsley and Halton, the IV therapy team should be contacted to consider such requests.	Primary Care 24 Clinician / Halton & Knowsley IV Therapy Team

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Reference documents	Electronic Locations	Locations for Hard Copies
	Urgent Care 24 Intranet	Standard Operating Procedures File in the Call Centre

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