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**To: All General Practices in Lothian**

Dear Colleague

Recently we have been receiving reports from General Practitioners informing us that parents are being asked to bring their children to the GP for treatment for conjunctivitis and that they are often not allowed to return to school or nursery until they are on some form of treatment.

You will be aware of recent research which demonstrates that in fact in many cases acute conjunctivitis does not benefit from antibiotic treatment and it therefore seems unreasonable to insist that children are put on an unnecessary treatment to allow them return to nursery/school.

Should you be approached and put in this situation we would be grateful if you would ask the parent to take a copy of this letter to the nursery/school and ask the nursery/school to contact us for further advice.

Yours sincerely

Lothian LMC