

Risk Assessment – Alcohol consumption

Activity: Drinking alcohol

Location: At home or in the pub

Number of people required: One

Risk to Ian: Reaction to alcohol . vomiting, risk of choking and lack of sleep caused by drinking. Interaction with his medication

Equipment needed: Feeding tube, syringe, cup, flush

Skill required: At least one member of staff must have been trained by and be proficient in carrying out the task and understand the risks / effect of alcohol for our son and the potential risks involved in combining with medication.

Considerations: U~!Á[]qÁ@acQZg^Á@q*^•ÁÁ^ãBaa}ÊÁ^Á-Á^ãBaa}ÊÁd^}*cÁ-Á alcohol, quantity of alcohol, time between intaking food and alcohol, environment (noise / busy-ness level). Proof of age may be requested. Reminder to Personal Assistant (PA) that alcohol must not be consumed at work.

Alternatives: Ö[]qÁ}•{^Á&q|ÊÁ}•{^Á hen in controlled environment.

Task	Risk to our son	Risk to you (handler)	Action
Giving our son an oral taster of alcohol	Risk of aspiration if [~!Á[]qÁ@acQZg^Á@q*^•ÁÁ^ãBaa}ÊÁ^Á-Á^ãBaa}ÊÁd^}*cÁ-Á not positioned correctly		Offer a small amount of a&q ÊÁ}•{^Á&q ÊÁ}•{^Á in order to avoid choking
Giving our son alcohol through feeding tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◁ Potential sickness ◁ Interaction with medication 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◁ Only give lower percentage (3 or 4%) alcohol after a meal. Ensure that low quantities (half a pint / 300ml of beer / cider) are given and that our son is closely monitored by an experienced PA ◁ Ensure that PA has knowledge of medication and sufficient time is given between alcohol and medication and getting into bed. Baclofen and gabapentin will greatly heighten the effect of alcohol. Gabapentin is not to be administered if our son has consumed alcohol. ◁ Monitoring our son in bed, position on side

Sign off sheet for staff to acknowledge they have read this policy

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