

Fraser Guidelines: Information for Blundell's Parents and Guardians

The Fraser guidelines refer to the guidelines set out by Lord Fraser in his judgement of the Gillick case in the House of Lords (1985), which apply specifically to contraceptive advice. Lord Fraser stated that a doctor (or nurse) could proceed to give advice and treatment:

"provided he is satisfied in the following criteria:

1. that the girl (although under the age of 16 years of age) will understand his advice;
2. that he cannot persuade her to inform her parents or to allow him to inform the parents that she is seeking contraceptive advice;
3. that she is very likely to continue having sexual intercourse with or without contraceptive treatment;
4. that unless she receives contraceptive advice or treatment her physical or mental health or both are likely to suffer;
5. that her best interests require him to give her contraceptive advice, treatment or both without the parental consent." (Gillick v West Norfolk, 1985)

The San team will always encourage the pupil to discuss any medical issues or concerns with their parents but they do, of course, retain the right to keep their consultations confidential. The exception to this is if there are safeguarding concerns and further input is required from other professionals, in the best interests of the pupil. In these circumstances, there will be discussion with the pupil about the need to share information of concern.

The San team and the School Doctor are always happy to discuss any concerns a parent may have but please note that particulars of medical consultations cannot be divulged without prior consent from the pupil.