

Paediatric Early Warning System (PEWS)

Listening to you

- Children's wards in Ireland have an early warning system called PEWS.
- PEWS helps doctors and nurses to make decisions about the care your child may need if they become more unwell during a hospital stay.
- If you have a concern about your child's condition including a 'gut feeling', you should tell your nurse.
- If there is anything you don't understand, just ask us to explain.

Alex has been sleepy since the medication changed...

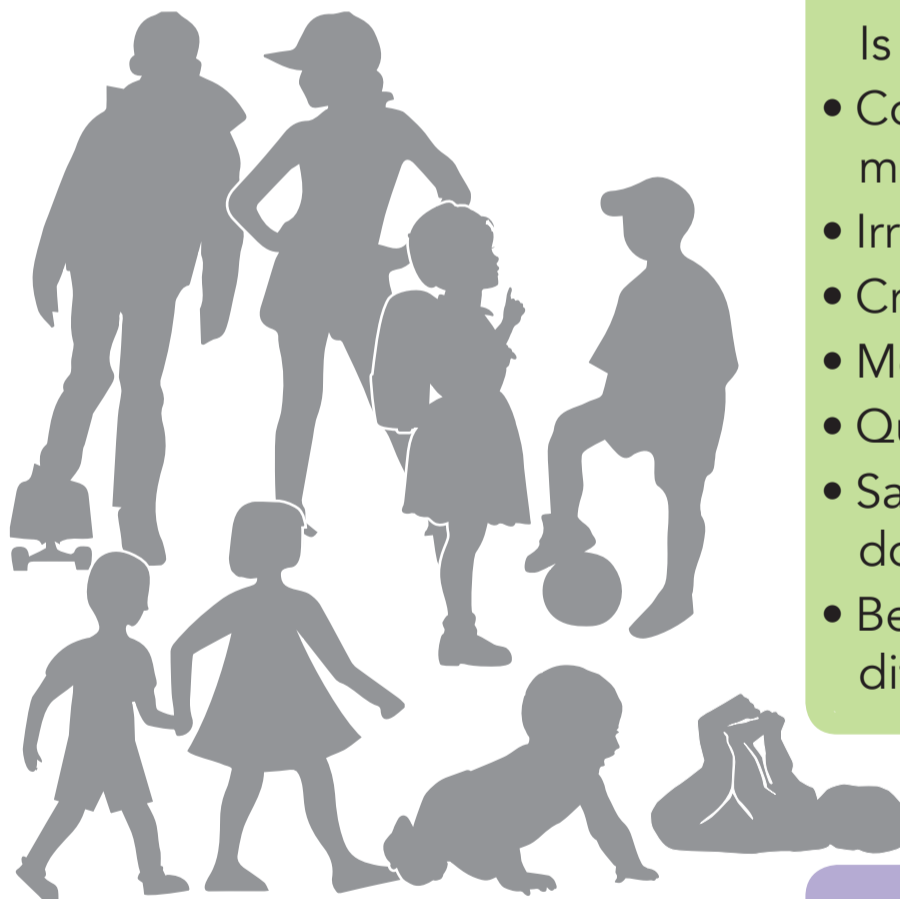
Is your child's breathing...

- Faster
- Slower
- Working harder
- Noisy?

How does your child look?

- More pale or flushed than usual
- Blotchy
- Puffy
- Sweaty
- Rash or marks on body

I am worried that David is sleeping too much...



Is your child...

- Restless or moving around a lot
- Lying still
- In pain or saying somewhere hurts?

I don't know what it is, but Claire just isn't herself...

Is your child...

- Confused or muddled
- Irritable
- Crying differently
- More sleepy
- Quieter than usual
- Saying that they don't feel right
- Behaving differently?

Have you noticed a difference in your child's...

- Wee or poo
- Eating or drinking
- Vomiting?

If you are worried about your child's condition, please tell us

For more information go to: www.hse.ie/pews
or ask your nurse for a **PEWS: Listening to You** leaflet