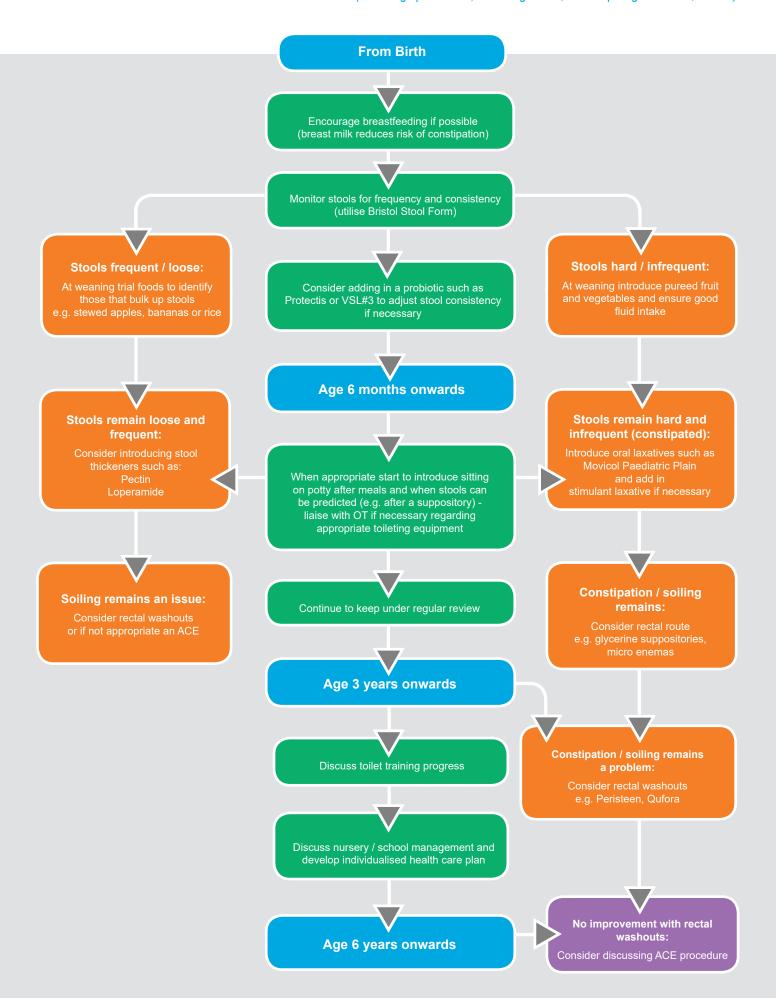


Non-idiopathic bowel care pathway

for children with congenital bowel problems (including spina bifida, sacral agenesis, Hirschsprung's disease, ARM's)





Paediatric Non Idiopathic Bowel Care Pathway

This pathway is based on clinical experience and feedback from parents regarding which pro-active approaches to bowel care have proved to be the most successful. Experience has shown us that early intervention has proved to be beneficial in both establishing bowel control and reducing the incidence of soiling as well as preventing such problems as faecal impaction and acquired mega rectum/mega colon developing. A step approach also helps to ensure that the child receives the most appropriate intervention and any failure to make progress is addressed in a timely fashion. However it is important to remember that each child is an individual and that treatment failure at any level requires investigation to exclude underlying problems, such as enterocolitis, prior to moving to the next treatment step.

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