Scottish Paediatric and Adolescent Rheumatology Network
Role of Paediatric Rheumatology Nurse

- Provide highly specialist nursing expertise concerning the treatment of rheumatology patients and families and work alongside the multi-disciplinary team to develop clinical practice
- Act as case manager for all patients under the care of the rheumatology nursing service, planning and prioritising own workload as an autonomous clinician in response to service needs
- Lead in the development and implementation of evidence based protocols and guidelines for use locally and nationally
- Liaise with, and refer to and advise a range of professionals regarding ongoing care and management of rheumatology patients
- Support staff within a range of clinical areas to ensure patient needs are assessed, care planned, implemented and evaluated and there is consultation and involvement of patient/carers
- See patients in a variety of settings including primary and secondary care settings
- Develop, implement and manage a specialist nursing telephone support and advice service.
- Manage nurse Specialist patient records within agreed standards, ensuring the quality of record keeping is within NMC code of conduct
- Regularly administer sub-cutaneous injectable therapies, including cytotoxic drugs and biologic therapies as part of the patient carer teaching programme
- Lead on the design, development, implementation and evaluation patient and parent teaching packages
- Take the lead in developing a robust blood monitoring system for patients on immunosuppressive therapy
- Have a working knowledge of external agencies procedures and documentation to support families with complex needs
- Motivate and negotiate to encourage patients and carers to comply with essential treatments
- Provide intensive support, information and advice in times of crisis – diagnosis, first hospital admission, change in condition, adolescence/transition
- Take the lead in ensuring patients on biologic therapies are on a national registry