



Sheffield sleep service and Management options for insomnia

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Sleep Team

Sheffield Sleep Service



5 Consultants
5 nurses and 5 practitioners
Sleep House



Sleep studies
Narcolepsy service
Home oximetry service
Home ventilation service

Overview

What is sleep

Sleep disorders

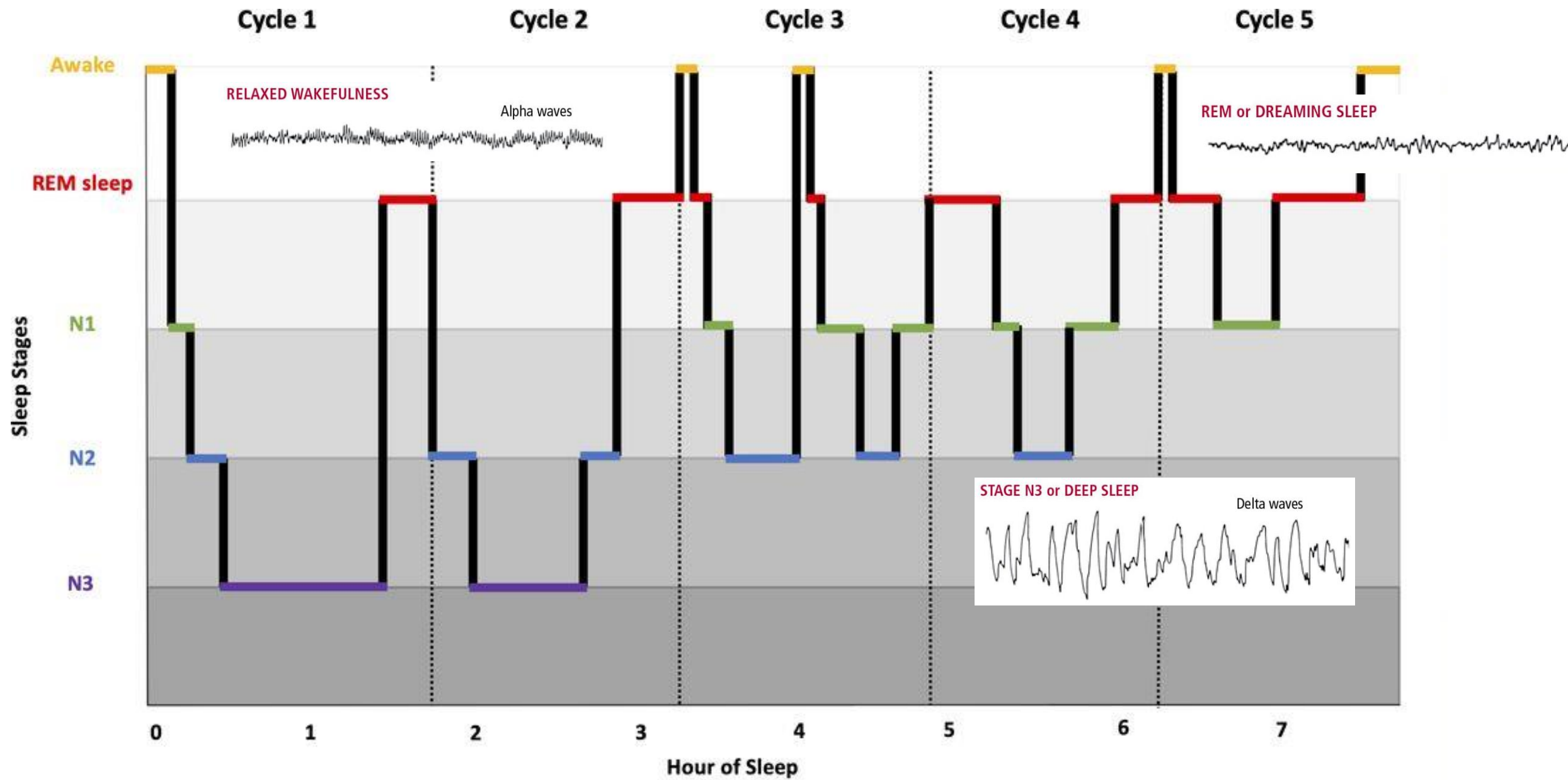
Behavioural insomnia

Nurse-led sleep clinic

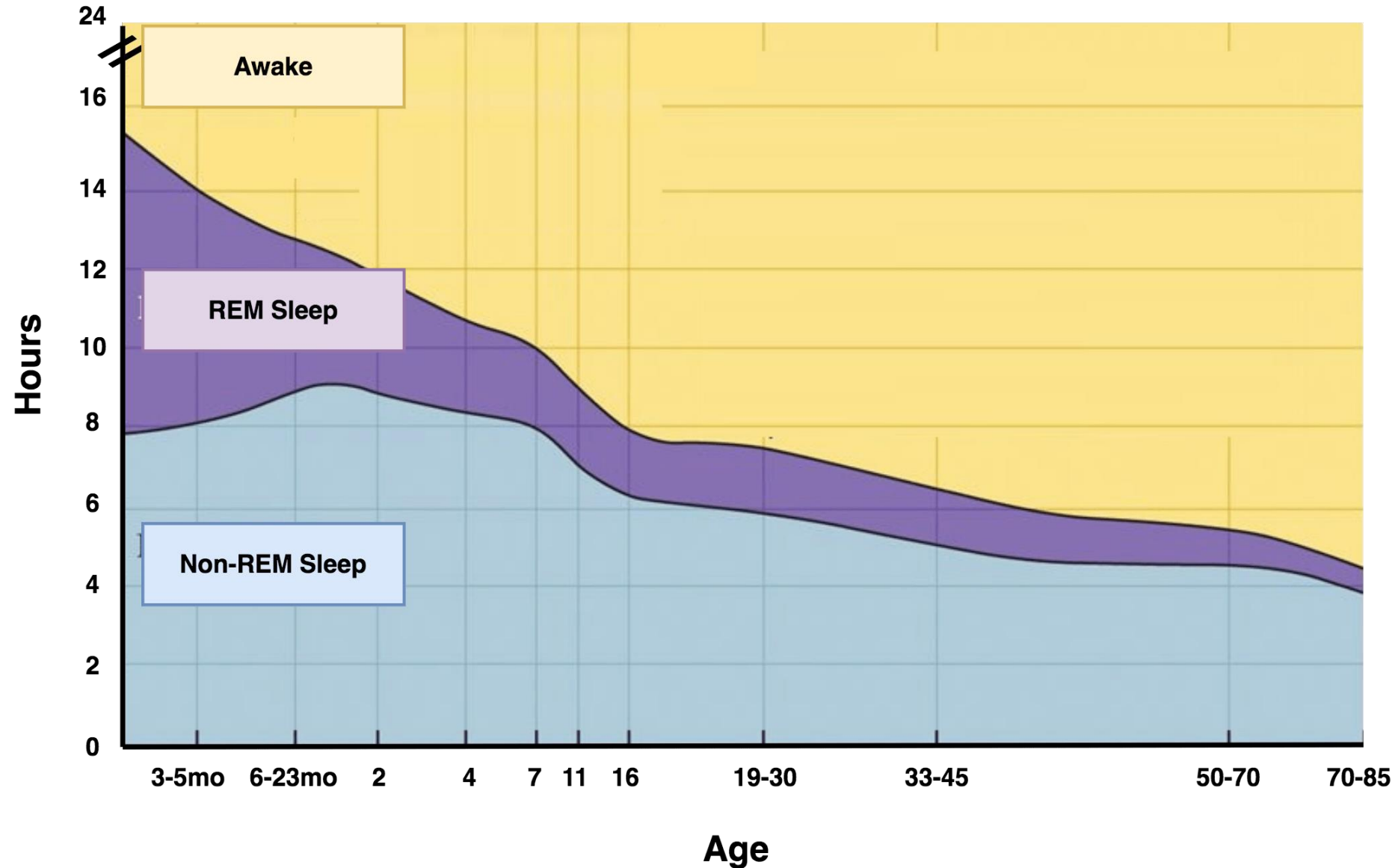
Melatonin

Updates

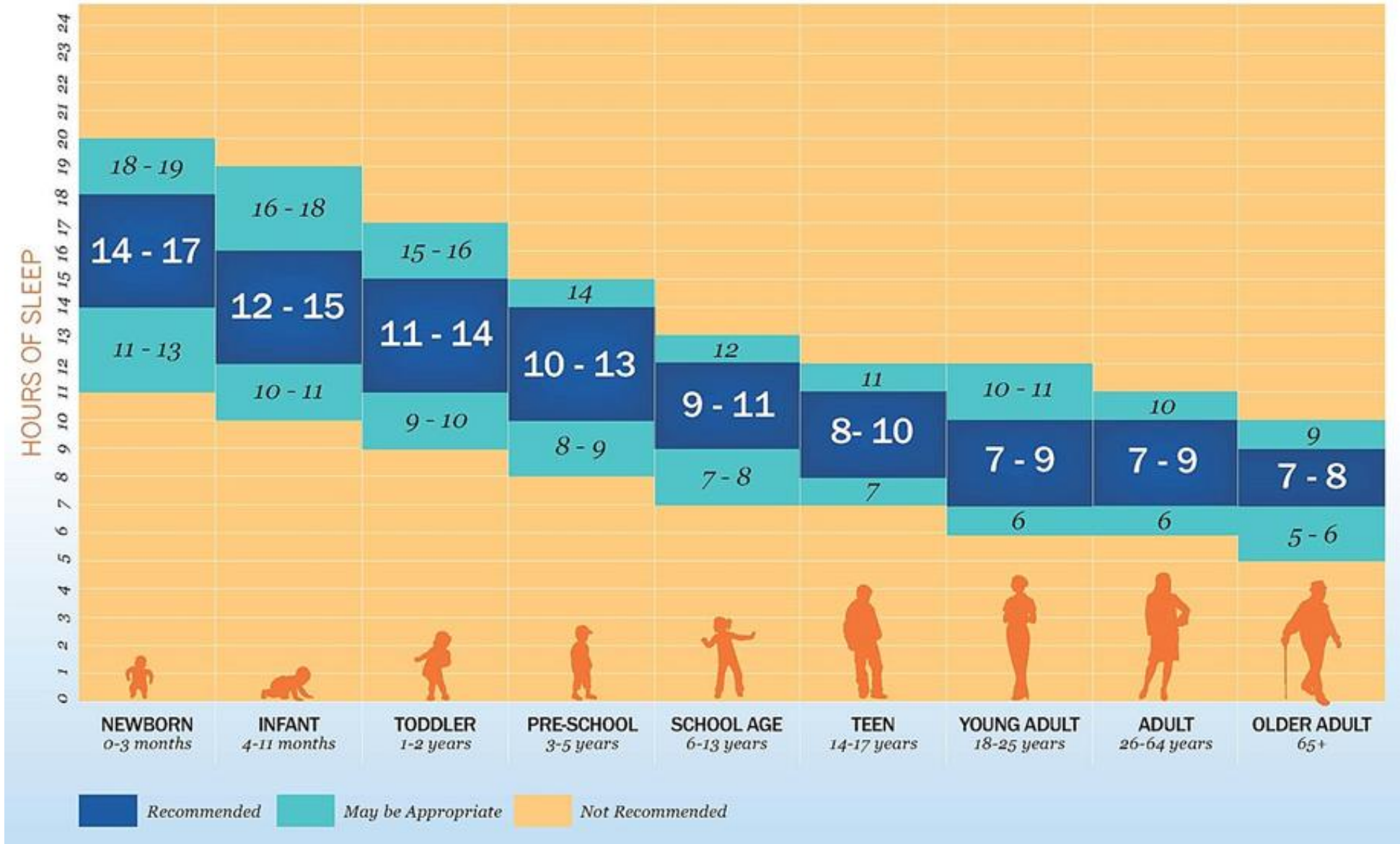




Sleep pattern changes with age



Sleep duration recommendations



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Sleep disorders divided into 6 major categories:

1. Sleep-related breathing disorders

2. Insomnia

3. Hypersomnia's of central origin

4. Circadian rhythm sleep disorders

5. Parasomnias

6. Sleep-related movement disorders

Estimated prevalence in Childhood



Insomnias 30%



Parasomnias 25%



Circadian rhythm disorders 7%



Sleep related movement disorders 1-2%



Sleep related breathing disorders 2-3%



Hypersomnias 0,01-0,02%



Diagnostic criteria for chronic insomnia (ICSD III)

Following present for ≥ 3 months for ≥ 3 days a week

- Sleep initiation or maintenance problems
- Adequate opportunity and circumstances to sleep
- Daytime consequences
- Exclusion of other sleep disorder




- **Behavioural insomnia**
Commonest cause of chronic insomnia
 - Limit-setting type
 - Sleep onset association type
- **Psycho-physiological insomnia**
Anxiety at bedtime and preoccupation with failure to fall asleep.
- **Insomnia secondary** to another chronic physical or mental health condition

- **B** – Bedtime issues
- **E** – Excessive daytime sleepiness
- **A** – Awakenings during the night
- **R** – Regularity and duration of sleep
- **S** – Snoring



Pilot study of an integrated model of sleep support for children: a before and after evaluation

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ABSTRACT

Objective Despite the success of behavioural sleep support interventions in the third sector, sleep support is not universally available for families in the UK. The aim of the study was to provide evidence of efficacy and to propose a delivery model for integrated sleep support for families of vulnerable children.

Design and setting A sleep support intervention was carried out in Sheffield Local Authority evaluated using a preintervention and postintervention study design by Sheffield Children's National Health Service (NHS) Trust.

Participants Fifty-six children aged 6–16 years with significant sleep problems were recruited; 39 completed the intervention and evaluation.

Interventions Basic sleep education and an individualised programme was delivered by a sleep practitioner. Follow-on telephone support was provided to empower the parent (and/or young person) to carry out the sleep programme at home. An integrated NHS and Local

What is known about the subject?

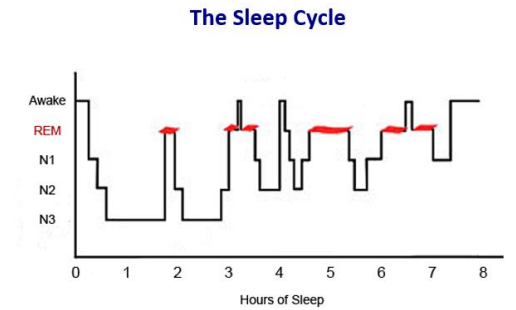
- Sleep deprivation due to behavioural insomnia has an impact on physical, mental and emotional health and well-being for the child and family.
- Intensive sleep support interventions are effective but access to support is patchy and, in most areas, offered only by the voluntary sector.
- Integrated multiagency working is a National Health Service priority area.

What this study adds?

- Cross-agency sleep support delivered via an integrated delivery model has shown efficacy and can be implemented by integration into the existing

Behavioural Sleep Intervention

- Sleep Routine information
- 1-1 support to develop an individualised plan
- Follow up telephone support from
- a Sleep Practitioner

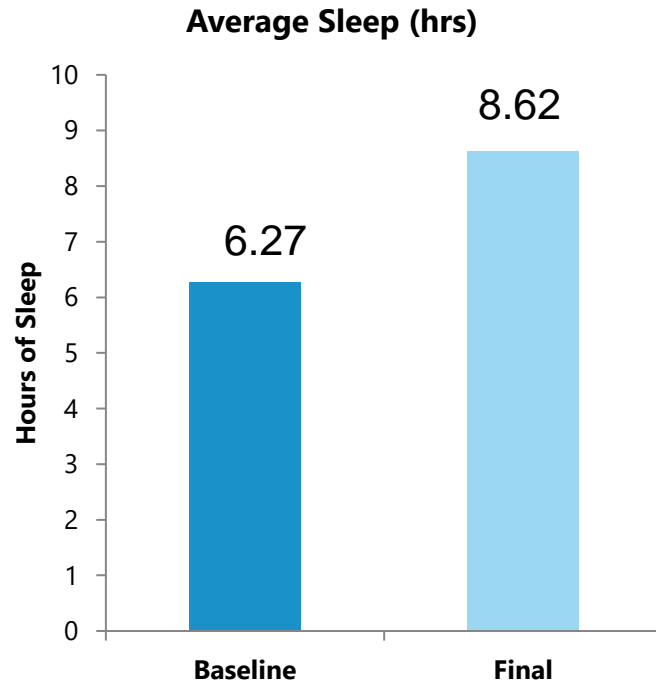


Case examples

7 years old with ADHD
+4 hours to fall asleep, up 4-5
times a night
Sometimes no sleep for 36
hours

- Damages property
- Steals food
- Impact on Dad's ability to
drive

15 year old in residential home
4-5 hours sleep, up during the
night
Impacting on other children in
home
Very challenging behaviour
At risk to himself and others
Waking night staff employed



$P < 0.05$

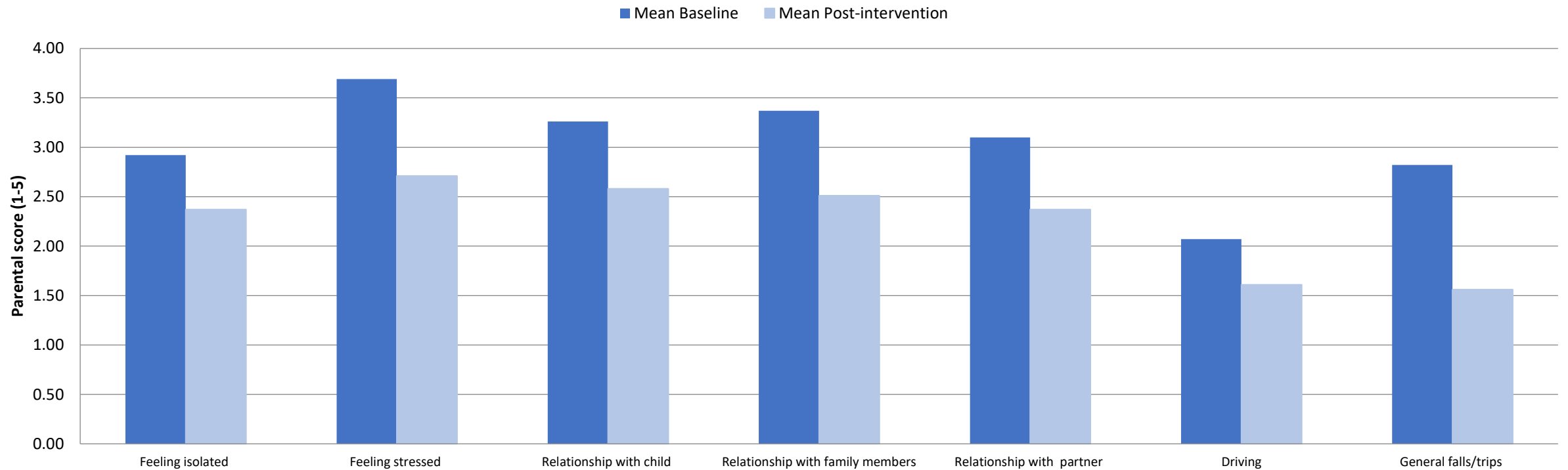
Children gained on average
an extra

**2.4 hours sleep a
night = nearly 2 nights
extra sleep a week!**

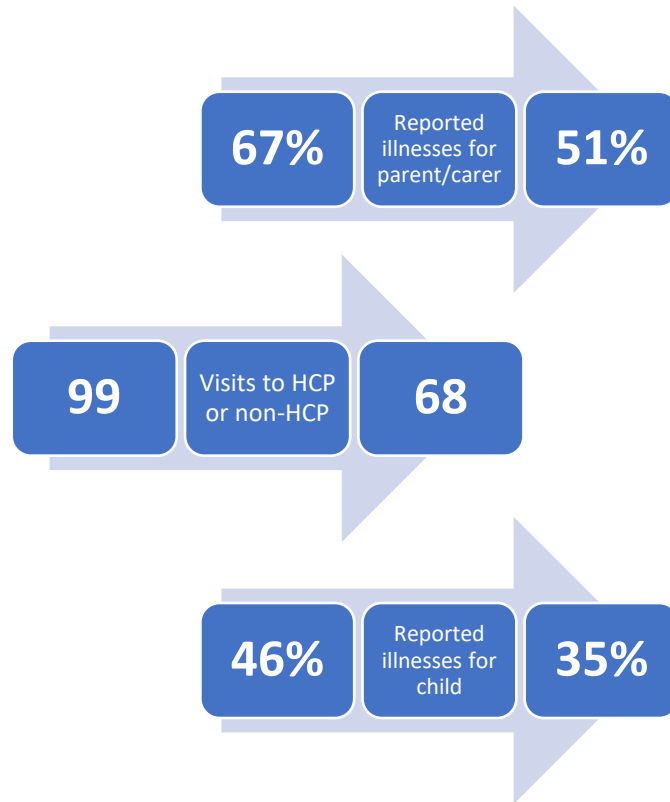
Mood of the Child on Wakening



Impact on Parental Wellbeing

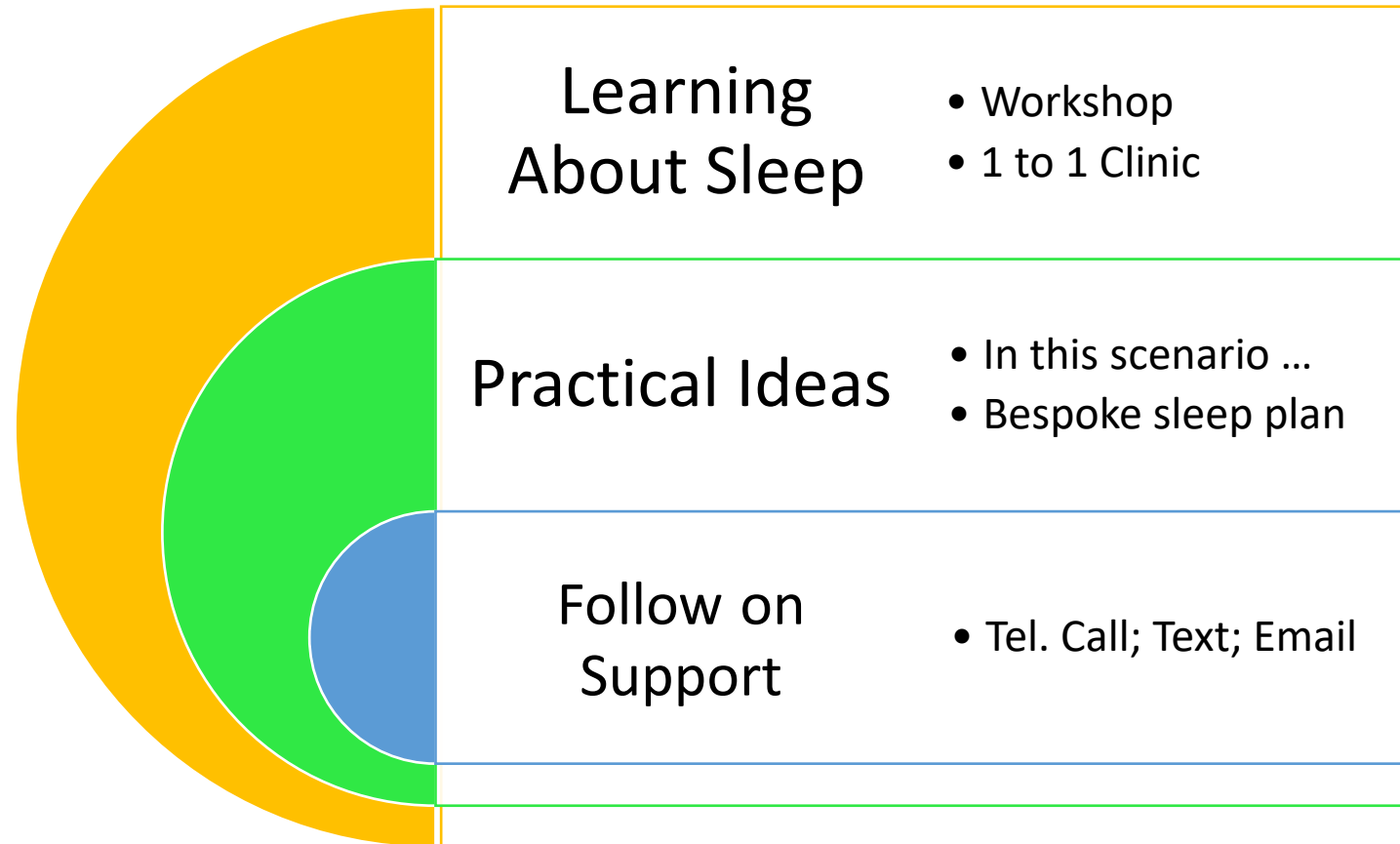


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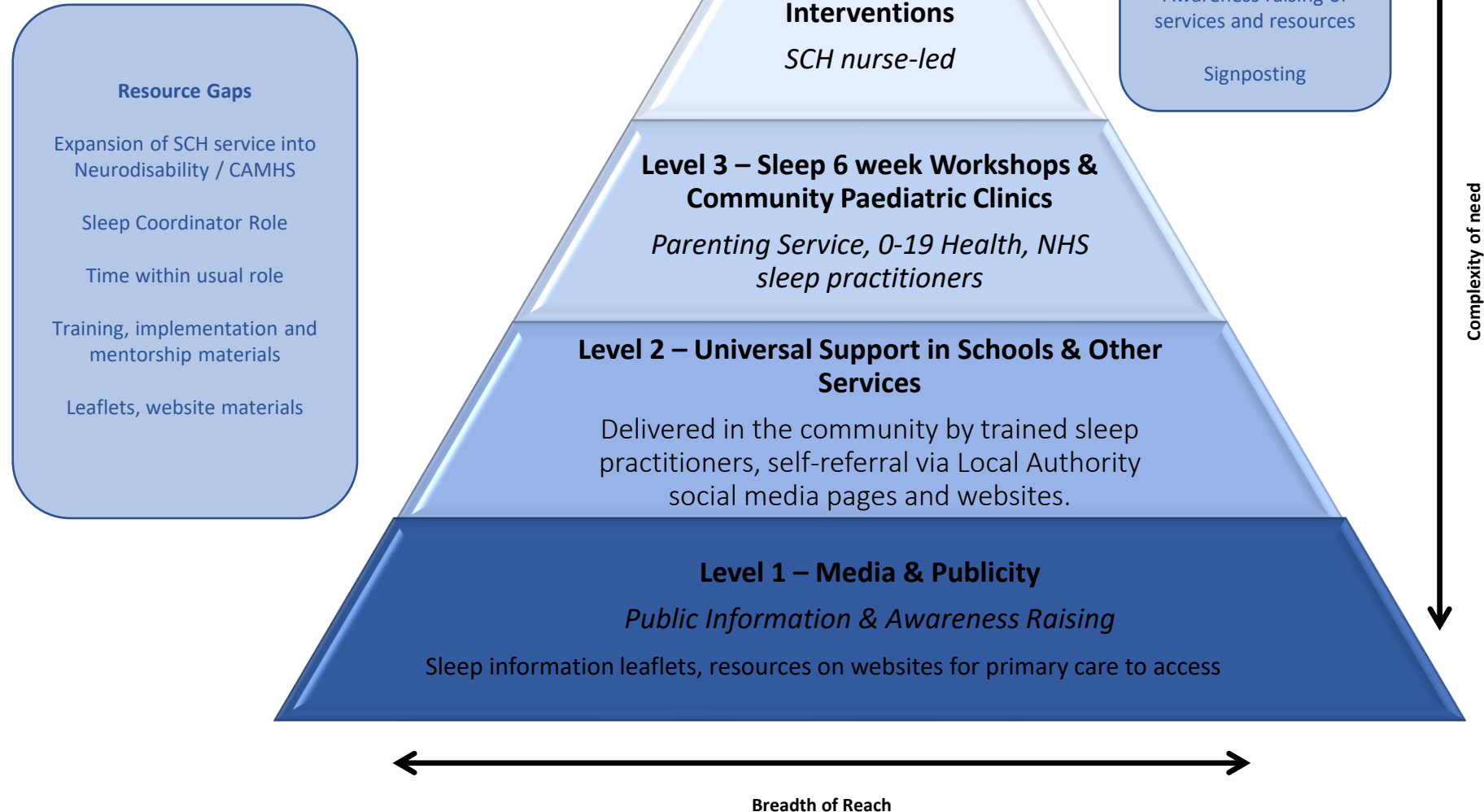
- Value for patient:
 - Seeing appropriate specialist and receiving the right support
 - Holistic approach
 - Inter-agency communication
- Value for money:
 - Consultant time savings
 - Waiting list targets
 - Potential to reduce placement breakdown, improve engagement, reduce contact with other services

WHAT HELPED PARENTS



Our Vision across NHSE

Jarvis K, et al. Arch Dis Child 2024;0:1–7.
doi:10.1136/archdischild-2023-326120



NEW NURSE LED SERVICE

- A Specialist Service for those patients who have:
 - Limit Setting Insomnia (e.g. delaying bedtime, curtain calls)
 - Sleep Onset Association Insomnia (e.g. dummy, rocking, lighting, TV)
 - Psychophysiological Insomnia (e.g anxiety at bedtime)
 - Insomnia Secondary to another chronic physical or mental health condition
 - Sleep Maintenance issues (e.g. self-settles to sleep ok, but wakes in the night)
 - Early Morning Wakings (e.g. issues of regularly waking before 06:00am)



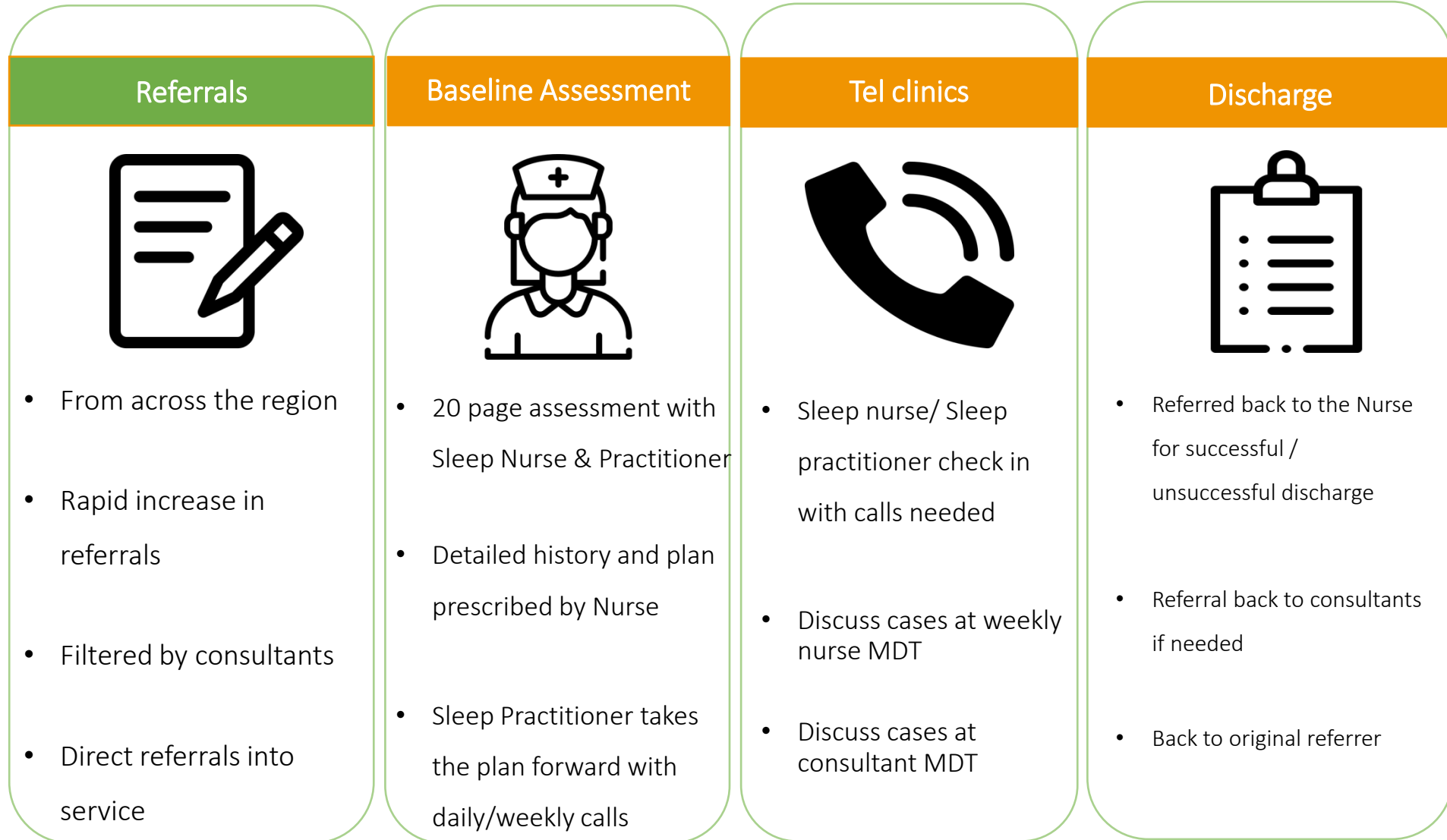
When parents report a sleep problem – baseline assessment

Important to establish their concern....

- Not enough sleep
 - Falling asleep?
 - Staying asleep?
 - Waking up too early?
- Excessive total sleep
- Daytime sleepiness or is it excessive tiredness?
- Things that happen in sleep (e.g. snoring/ noisy breathing / bed-wetting/sleep walking/sleep terrors/environmental factors)
- Other comorbidities- Asthma/ Eczema/Reflux/ ADHD/ASD/ genetic syndromes



WHAT WE DO



FURTHER INTERVENTIONS



BLOODS



HOUSING



ONWARD REFERRAL



SOCIAL CARE / MAST

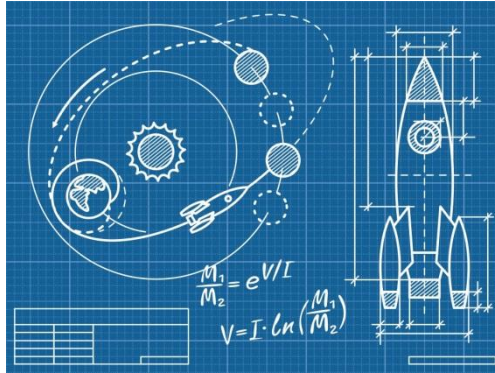


SCHOOL CONTACT EHCP
SUPPORT



SAFE GUARDING

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE



“If I wanted to get there,
I wouldn't start from here!”



SLEEP SUPPORT SERVICE GUIDELINES

SOP #8

Set parents' expectations at the beginning that support will be for no longer than 6 months, unless exceptional circumstances

Assess routine with baseline assessment

Good

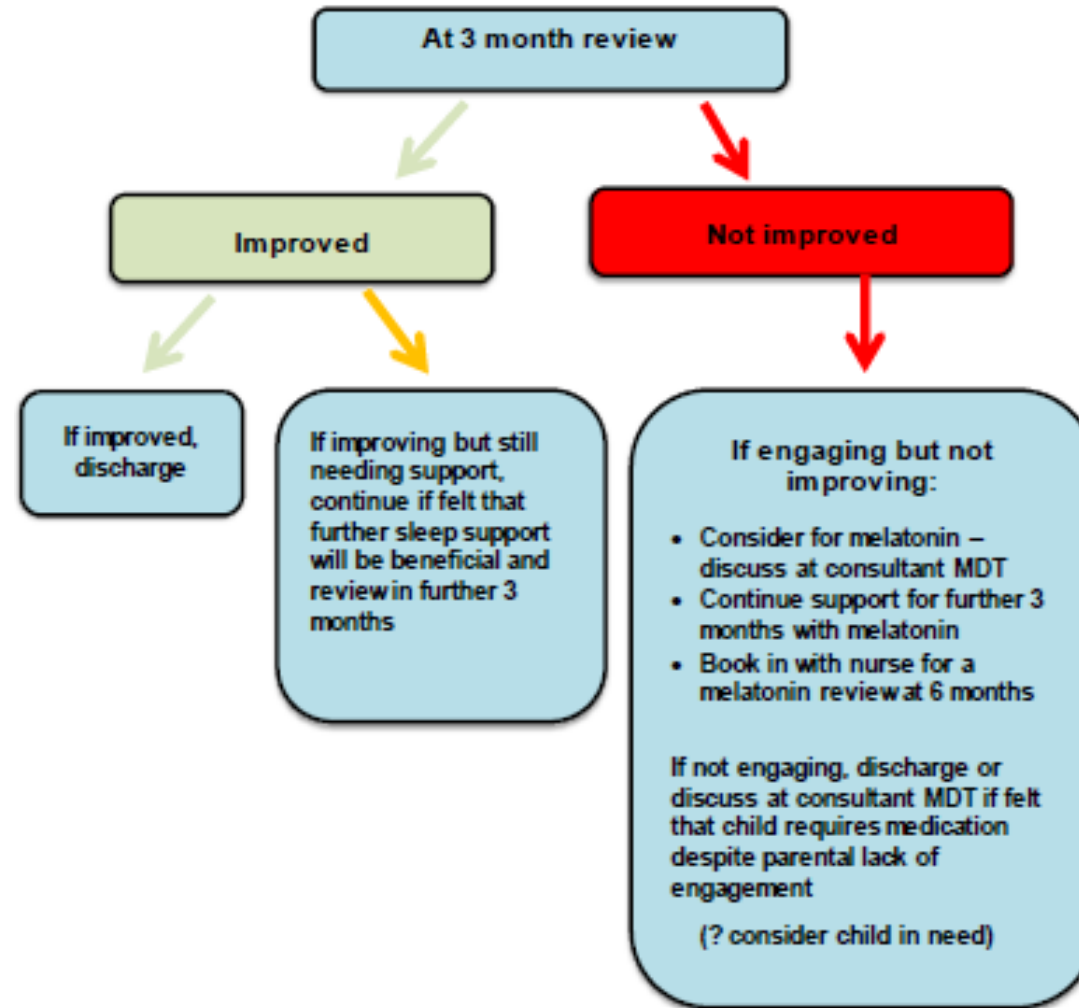
Request actigraphy
(express importance of needing data to consider medication) or PSG if actigraphy fails

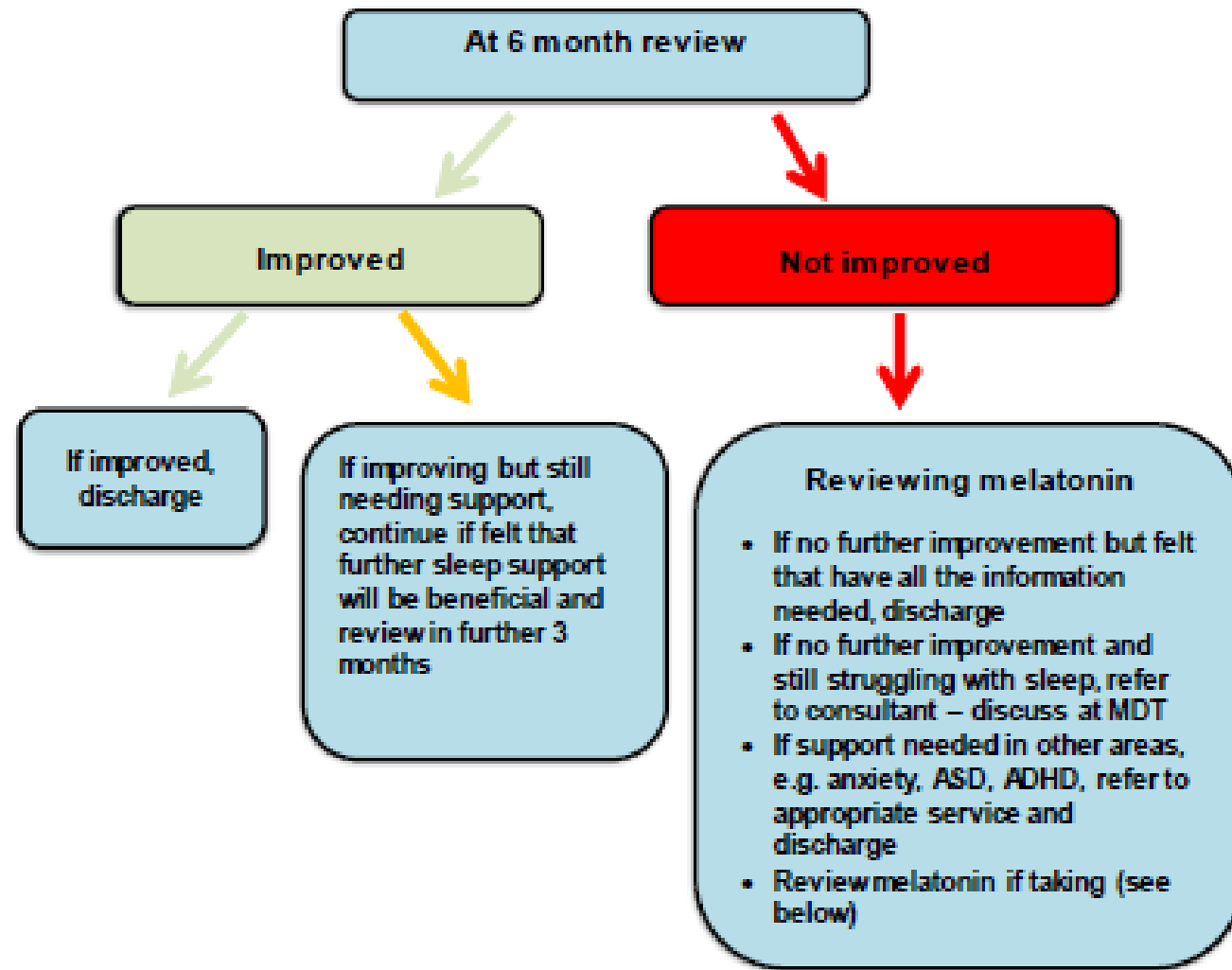
- If actigraphy shows adequate sleep, discharge
- If actigraphy shows erratic sleep pattern or phase shift, start sleep support pathway.
- If actigraphy shows disturbance/fragmentation after sleep onset, consider PSG – discuss at consultant MDT

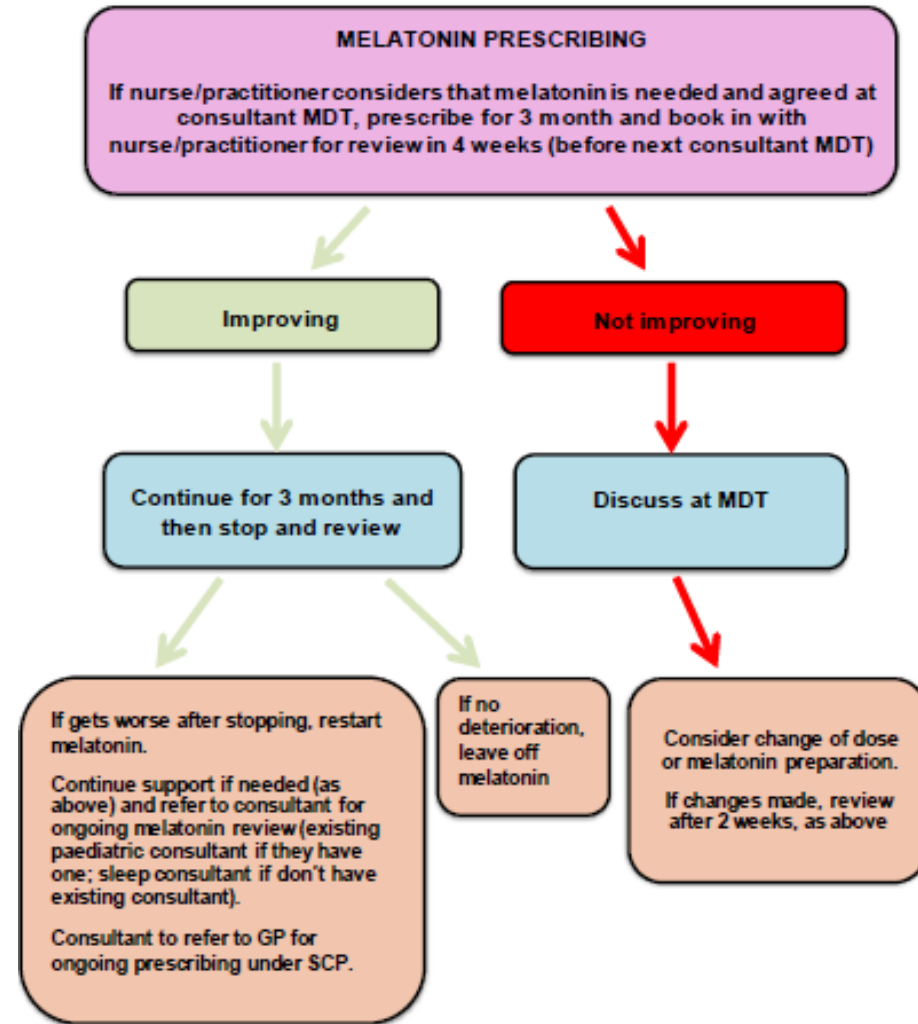
Poor

If routine poor (even if they say they have tried everything before) – sleep support

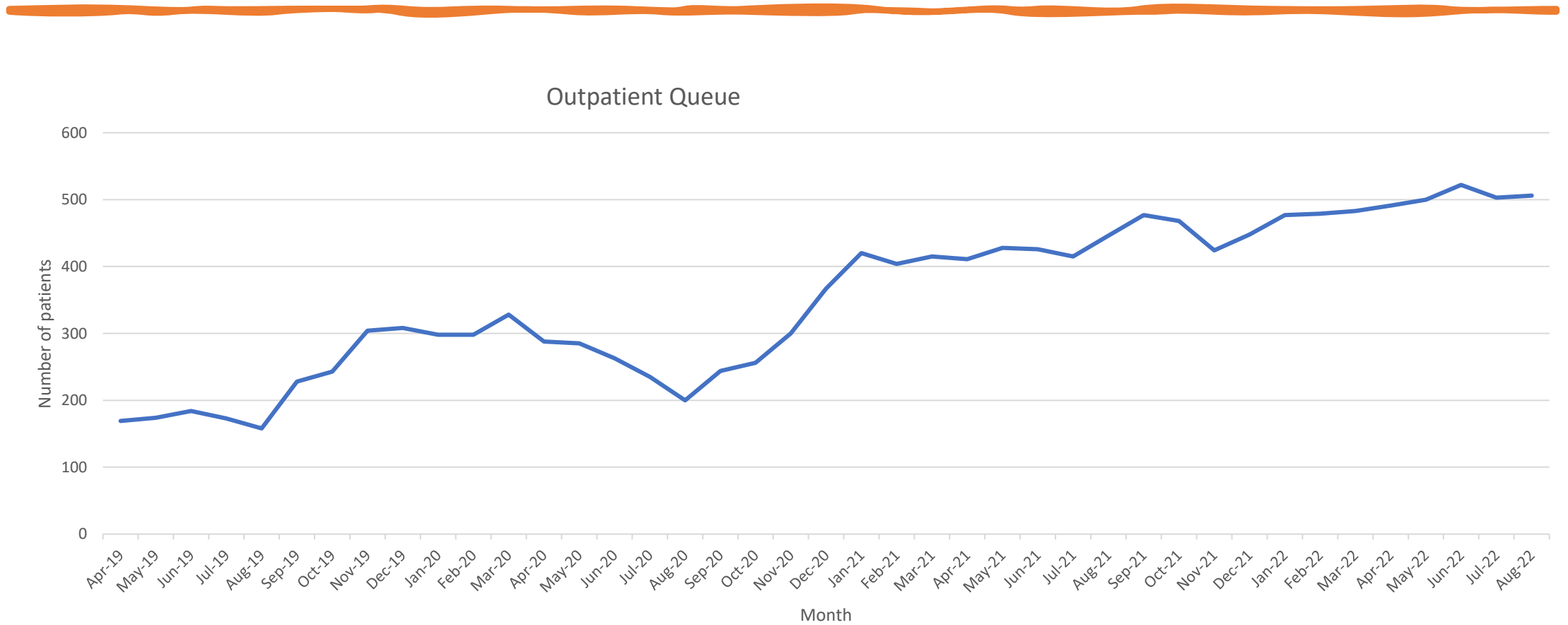
- Book in with nurse for interim review at 3 months







Out-patients waiting times



Clinic entry and discharge criteria

- Completion of 2 weeks sleep diary – to prove engagement
- Primary care referrals – Sheffield only
- GP or paediatrician referrals only
- Encouraging first step in referral pathway to parenting, 0-19s teams
- Discharge after max 6 months
- MDT discussion prior to starting melatonin



Referral Criteria to SCH Nurse-led clinic

- Under 16 years at point of referral and one or both of the below
 - Sleep latency (time taken to fall asleep after getting into bed) - more than 60 minutes
 - Total sleep time - less than 8 hours if <10 years/less than 6 hours if >10 years
- Please provide evidence of engagement with community sleep service or sleep hygiene advice given in DGH /community clinic
- Parents of all children referred are expected to have completed a paper sleep diary for 2 weeks prior to being added to the waiting list or submit data via SnappD app
- Please ensure they have an open or FU appointment in DGH/ community consultant clinic
 - Non Sheffield GP referrals are not accepted into the Sleep service



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SLEEP SUPPORT

Melatonin

Extra Strength

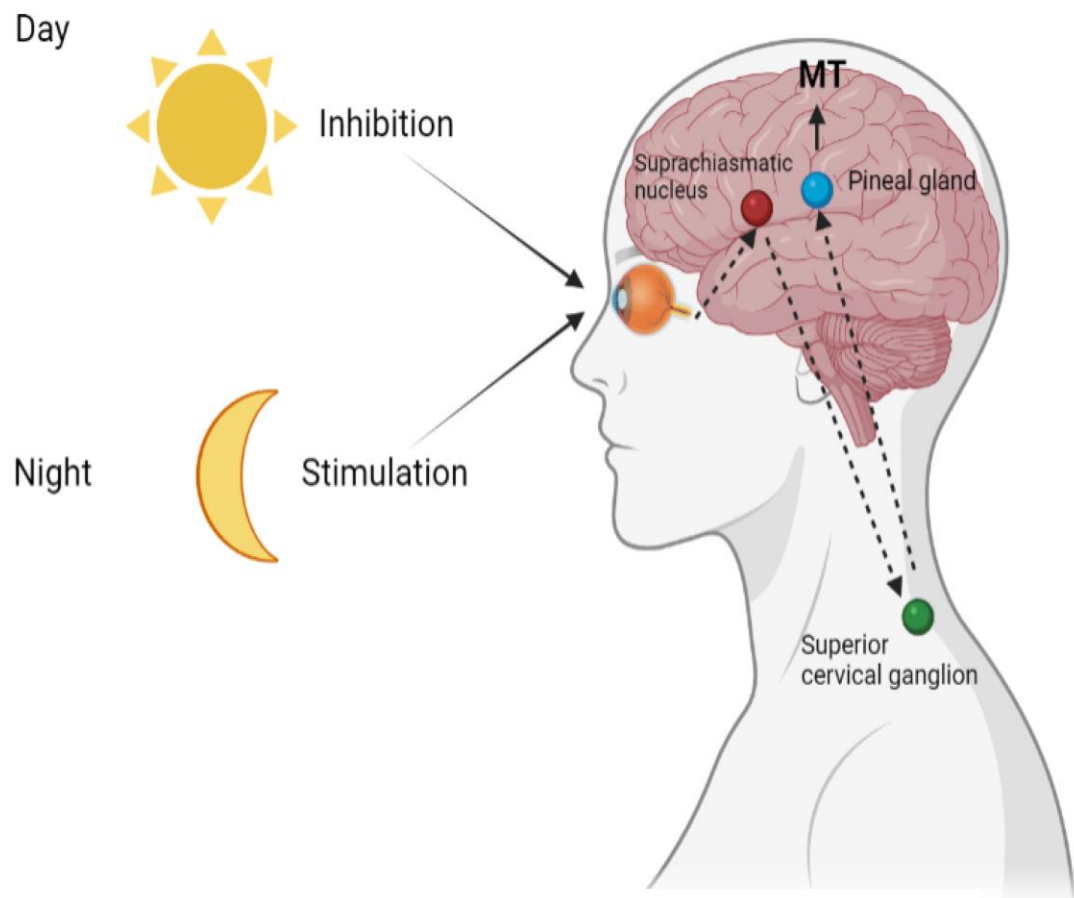
5 mg

Timed Release

Fall Asleep, Stay Asleep

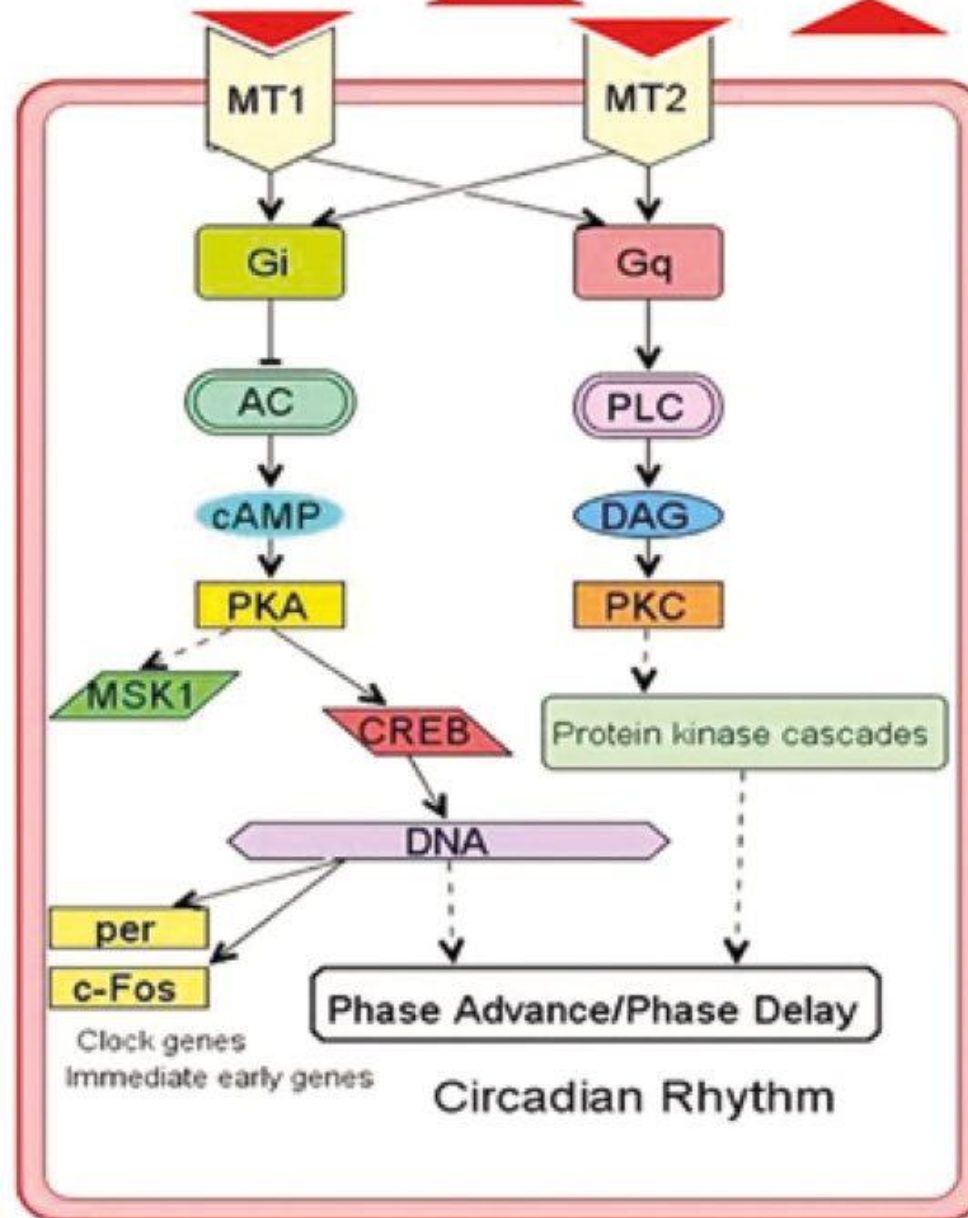
60 Tablets





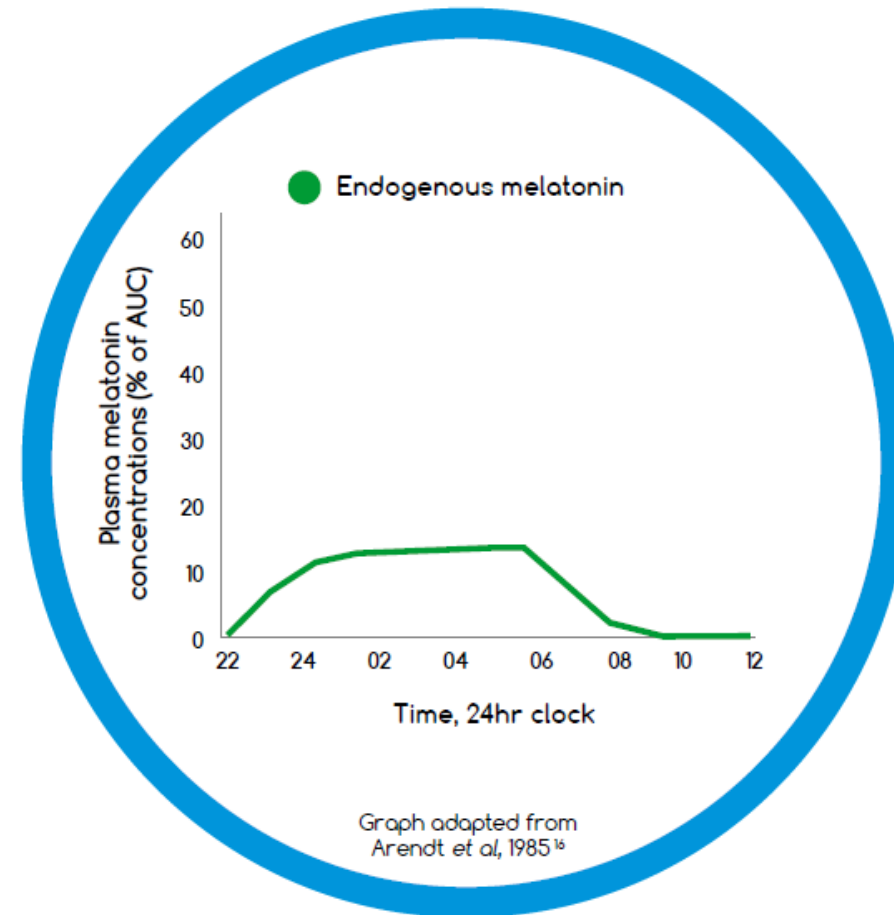
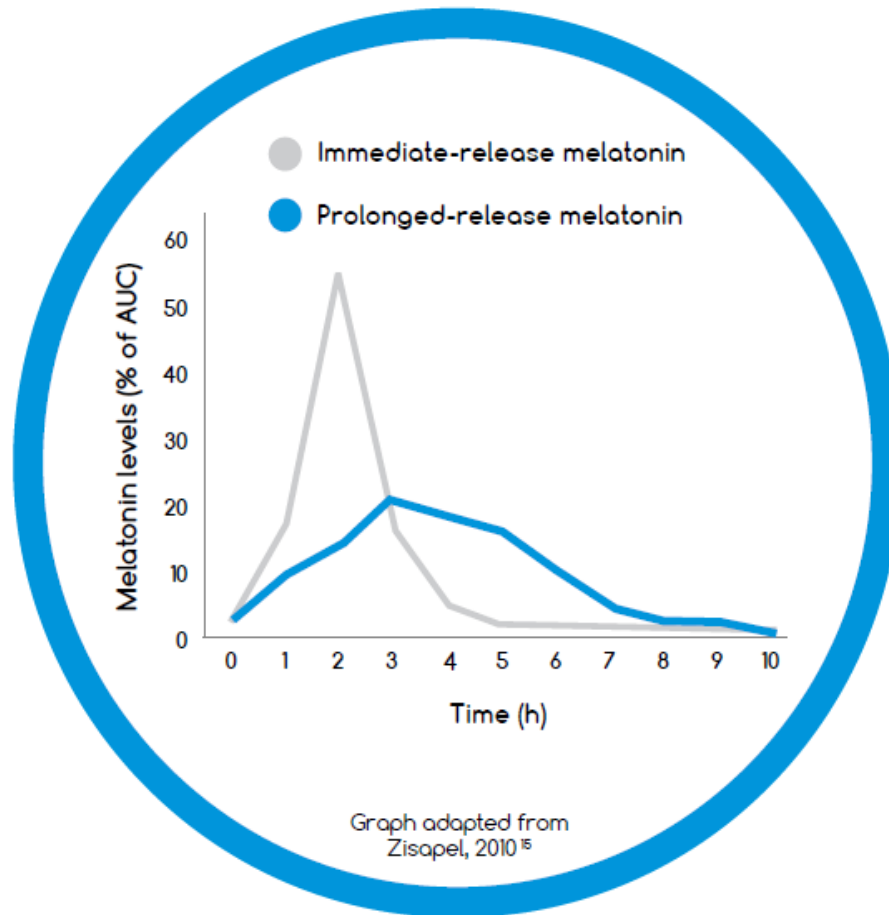
Pineal gland

Melatonin





Profiles of immediate versus prolonged-release Melatonin



- Immediate Release melatonin has a rapid onset to high levels followed by a rapid decline
- Prolonged Release melatonin mimics the endogenous release profile of melatonin

Melatonin for sleep problems in children with neurodevelopmental disorders: randomised double masked placebo controlled trial

P Gringras¹, C Gamble, A P Jones, L Wiggs, P R Williamson, A Sutcliffe, P Montgomery, W P Whitehouse, I Choonara, T Allport, A Edmond, R Appleton, MENDS Study Group

- N= 146, aged 3-16 years
- **Immediate-release melatonin v placebo for 12 weeks**
- Fell asleep significantly faster but gained little additional sleep
- Child behaviour and family functioning outcomes did not significantly improve

NEW RESEARCH | [VOLUME 56, ISSUE 11, P948-957.E4, NOVEMBER 01, 2017](#)

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Efficacy and Safety of Pediatric Prolonged-Release Melatonin for Insomnia in Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder

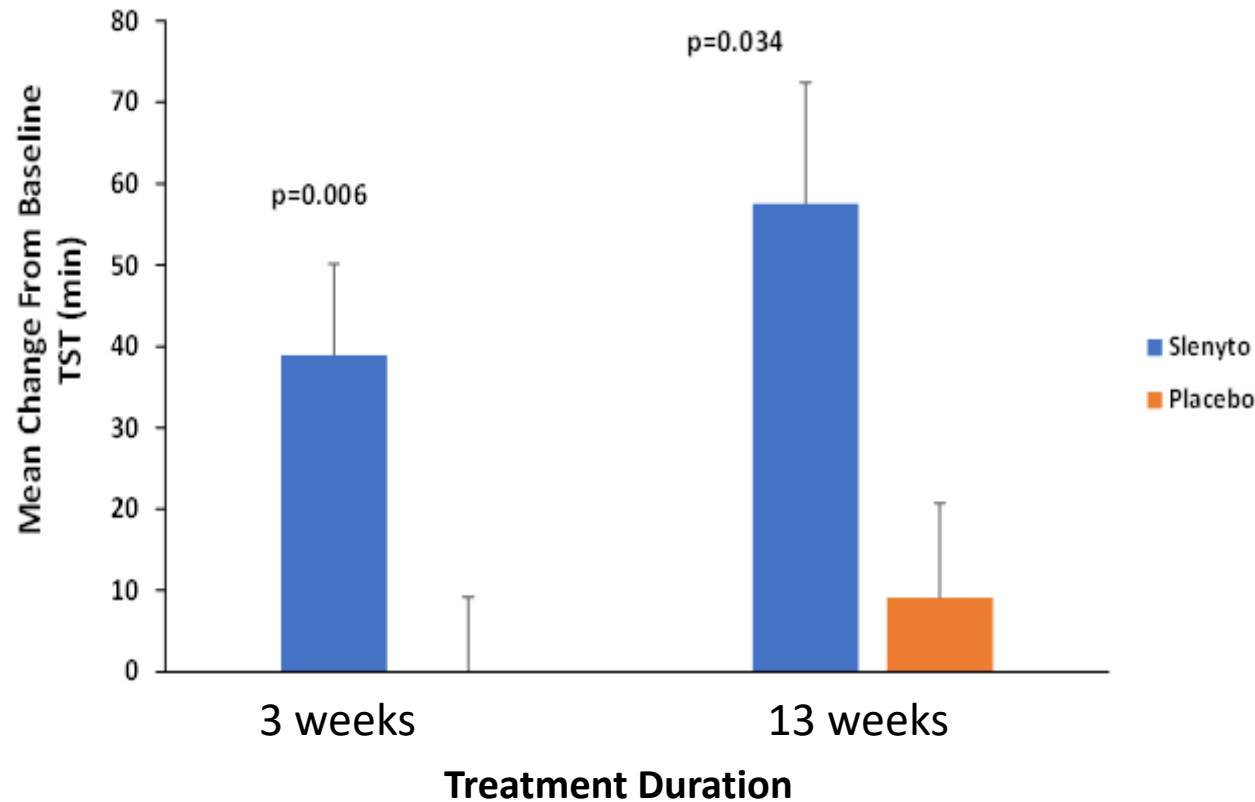
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- N=125, aged 2–17.5 years; whose sleep failed to improve on behavioural intervention alone
- **Prolonged Release Melatonin v Placebo** for 13 weeks
- 96.8% ASD, 3.2% Smith-Magenis syndrome [SMS]

Mean change from baseline in mean total sleep time

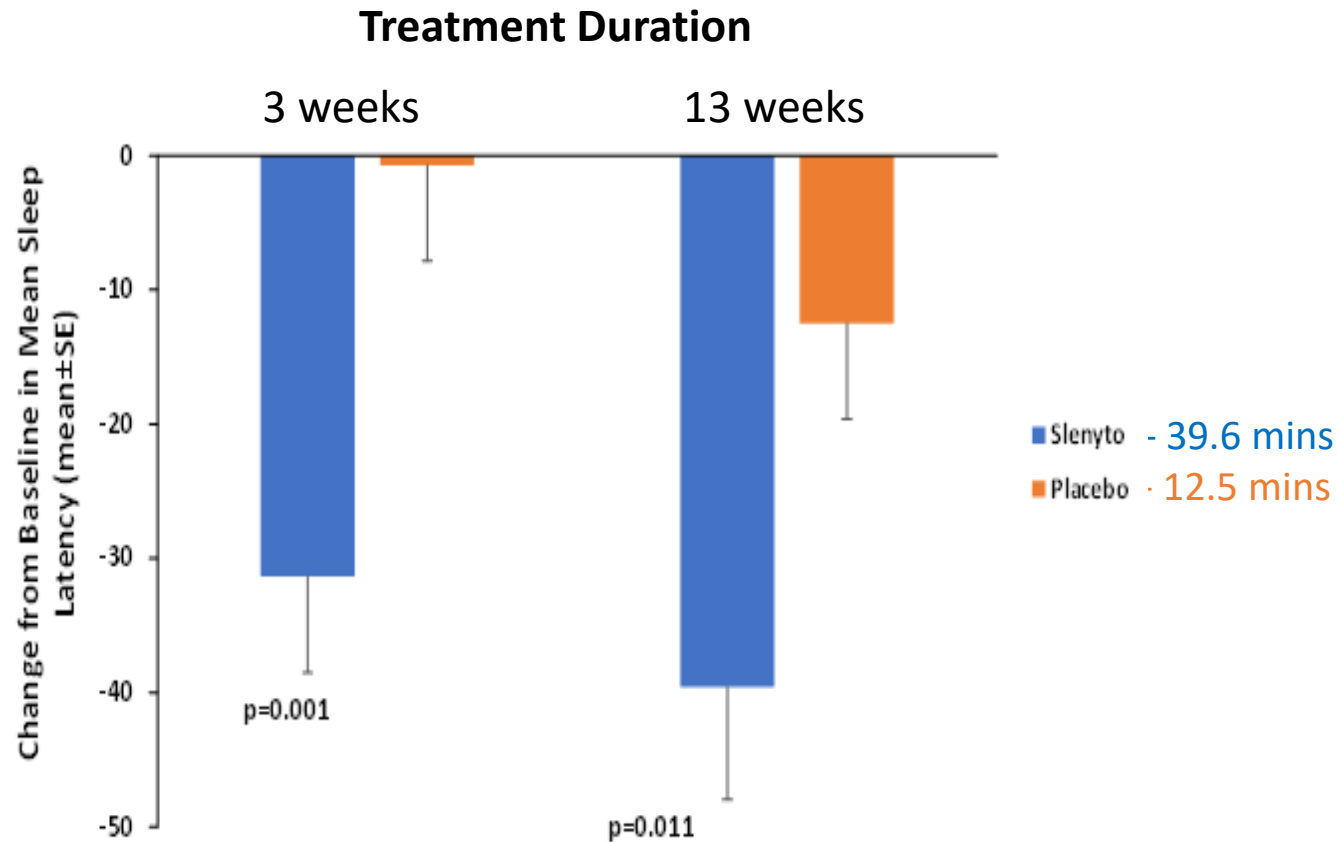
Clinical response pre-defined as increase of ≥ 45 mins in TST



Slenyto treated children
slept an average of 58
minutes longer after 13
weeks treatment

Change in Sleep Latency (SL)

Clinical response pre-defined as decrease of ≥ 15 mins in SL



Slenyto treated children
fell asleep an average of 40
minutes earlier after 13
weeks treatment

Review

> [Pharmacotherapy](#). 2017 May;37(5):555-578. doi: 10.1002/phar.1920.

Effectiveness of Sleep-Based Interventions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Meta-Synthesis

Belinda M Cuomo¹, Sharmila Vaz¹, Elinda Ai Lim Lee^{1 2}, Craig Thompson^{1 2},
Jessica M Rogerson¹, Torbjorn Falkmer^{1 2 3 4}

Affiliations — collapse

- Melatonin, behavioural interventions and parent education interventions most effective



Studies support the use of melatonin for special needs paediatric populations (ASD, NDD)

Should only be undertaken with medical supervision – need for continued use; side effects

Only if behavioural measures haven't worked and other medical conditions/sleep disorders have been ruled out

Behavioural therapy should be used alongside melatonin

Use with caution < 2 years

Administration recommended 30-60 minutes before desired bedtime

Indiscriminate use of OTC melatonin should be discouraged

Long term data reports few adverse effects up to 104 weeks, but exercise caution if using for more than a few months


- **New York Times survey 2020**
- 933 parents – 1 in 6 had given their child melatonin in the last year

- **Lelak et al 2022**
 - 2012-2021 260,000 reports of unintentional OTC melatonin overdose at home
 - 14.7% hospitalised; 2 died



- **Cohen et al 2023; 30 brands of US melatonin –**
 - Content ranging from 74% - 347%
 - Could contain 1.3-13.1mg per gummy
 - 12% were within 10% of the dose stated on the label
- Presence of **serotonin** contamination found in 26% products

Practical guide to the use of medicines in paediatric sleep disorders

Heather E Elphick , Moira Gibbons, Hemant Kulkarni



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SLEEP AND THE GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

- Sleep problems are linked with the brain areas that control emotional processes and risk taking

Sleep loss impacts

- “Emotion centre of the brain”
- Degree of emotional response
- Control of emotions
- Sleep as overnight therapy
- Reward related decision making
- Perceive fewer negative consequences
- Take fewer greater risks
- Impulsivity

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• “The new metric of sleep duration reflects the latest research findings: sleep impacts overall health, and people who have healthier sleep patterns manage health factors such as weight, blood pressure or risk for Type 2 diabetes more effectively,” said American Heart Association President Donald M. Lloyd-Jones,

- Diet (updated):
- Physical activity (no changes):
- Nicotine exposure (updated):
- Sleep duration (new):
- Body mass index (no changes):
- Blood lipids (updated):
- Blood glucose (updated):
- Blood pressure (no changes):



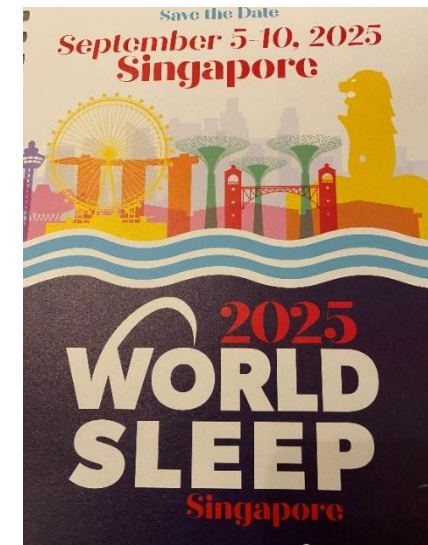
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What is Sleep Health

- Some things to keep in mind when thinking about getting good, healthy sleep are:
- **Quantity** (Are you getting optimal hours?),
- **Quality** (Are you getting the right amounts of restorative NREM & REM sleep?)
- **Timing** (Is your sleep schedule in sync with your body's circadian clock's rhythm?)





- **Developing practices to improve hospitalized patient sleep is a top priority because sleep is fundamental to health and recovery. Hospital leaders recognize the importance of improving patient sleep, but few have existing sleep-friendly institutionalized practices. Most institutions have no sleep health equity practices currently despite widespread agreement among hospital leadership on its importance in the hospital. Clinicians and hospital leaders should promote improved sleep quality for hospitalized patients by building sleep-friendly hospital cultures, addressing sleep health equity within the hospital, and establishing best practices for patient sleep**





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Solid book review.

