



Management – Primary Care and Community Settings

Suspected cough **Call 999** Features of impending airway compromise Stay with the child Barking cough Patient presents Alert local paeds team Stridor Mild fever Complete **Consider differential:** observation Coryza FB (acute onset, choking, episode, lack of coryza, fever etc), +/- PEWS Miserable score Epiglottitis and tracheitis (high fever, systemically unwell, unable to swallow saliva)

Assessment	Green - Low Risk	Amber - Intermediate Risk	Red – high risk
Behaviour	• Alert	• Alert	Disorientated or drowsy
Sats	• >94% Pink	• >94% Pink	• <94% pale or cyanosed
Respiratory	Stridor only when upset No recession Normal air entry	Stridor at rest Some recession Decreased air entry	Biphasic stridor* (May be quiet if life threatening) Severe recession Severely decreased air entry Leaning forward to breathe (Tripod breathing)
Green Action		Amber Action	
Reassure Consider analgesia Dexamethasone 0.15mg/kg PO Home with clear guidance and provide them with patient advice sheet.		Keep child and family calm Consider analgesia Dexamethasone 0.15mg/kg PO if available* Place in Waiting Room and review in 30 minutes* * If not possible - please refer to emergency care	Keep child and family calm Consider analgesia Consider Adrenaline neb (0.4ml/kg 1:1000 up to 5ml) Dexamethasone up to 0.6mg/kg (max 12mg) orally if
	Yes	Improved?	available Oxygen as tolerated Stay with the child 999 transfer to ED