

**INQUIRY INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND
CARE SECTOR IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I have a type 1 diabetic daughter who just started kindergarten this year after being diagnosed last July, while some of her school teachers and staff have been great and understanding there is teachers who are too scared to have her without her teachers aid in their classroom because there is not enough training available for all the staff that will be involved with a single child, her own teacher does not take the severity of this disease even though they completed the 2 online modules and training by the educators. They have taken my daughter out of class without her medical bag and have not told any of her assigned aids so when her cgm has alerted they don't know where she is. This teacher has asked if her low alarm can "just wait" while they finish something off and it is extremely frustrating that even with the "training" from these hospital educators they still lack to understanding or want to understand further. It becomes dangerous. The department has given my child 9 hours of funding for the whole week meaning there is not always an aid around to stay the whole time needed for a low or a high. I don't know what the answer is I'm sure plenty of schools are fantastic in the matter but there is definitely lacking in the rural public school training for diabetes side. Educators will only "train" maximum 4 staff a year even though my daughter has 5+ teachers she deals with day to day, not including aids, doesn't make sense train who is with that child!. For the educators to say oh those who train train the others is scary and not something I would ever trust! We have had staff try to undermine my choices because "they know a diabetic". Something definitely needs to be fixed in this department as it's just simply not enough!