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Head Lice



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Aims

- To identify the life cycle of lice
- Recognise signs of infestation
- Look at ways to treat lice

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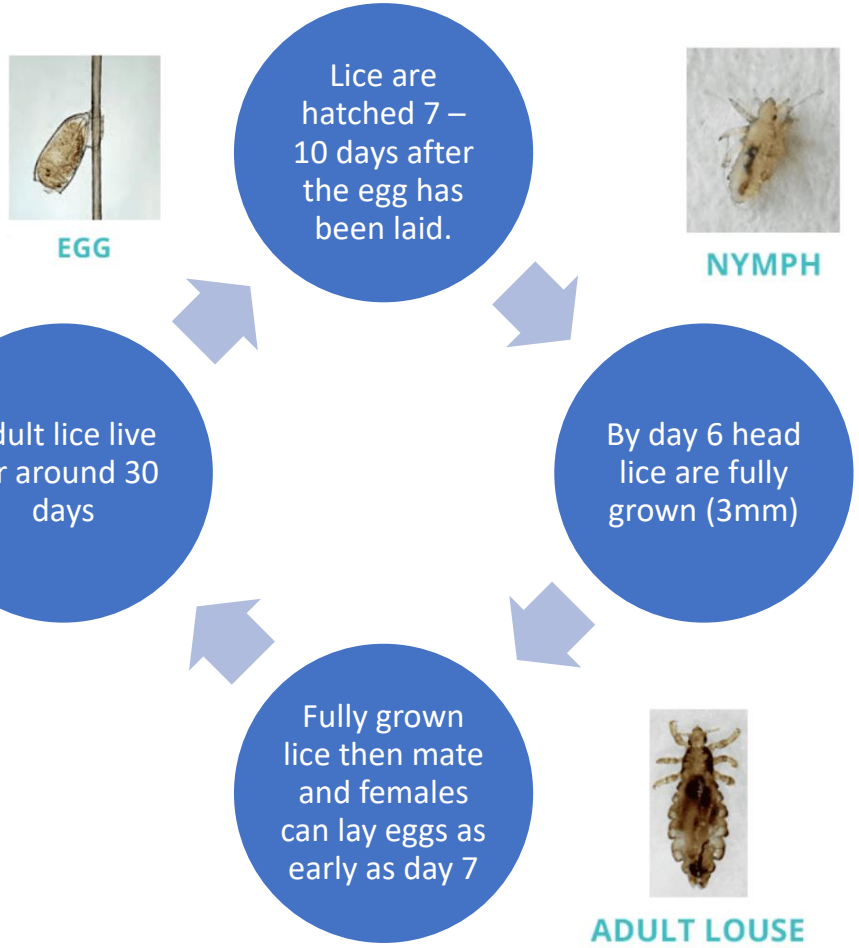
What are head lice?



- Head lice are parasitic insects.
- Head Lice are very common.
- They feed on human blood several times a day, every day.

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Life Cycle



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Transmission

- Head to head contact – Takes about 30 seconds to transfer from scalp to another.
- Contact with clothing, hats and scarves.
- Sharing brushes, towels and bedding.

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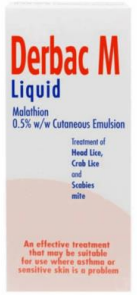
Treatment and Prevention

OTC



- Hedrin
- Lyclear
- Full Marks
- Supermarket brands

Prescription



- Malathion

Non-Chemical Methods

- Regular Combing
  Day 1, 5, 9 and 13

- Check hair regularly.
- Avoid head to head contact.
- Avoid sharing brushes, towels, hats.



There are no definitive methods to prevent headlice.

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Health Implications

- Infected sores on head
- Anaemia
- Fatigue
- Hair Loss
- Sleep Difficulties
- Social Isolation
- Emotional Impact

Ongoing head lice is a Safeguarding concern.

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