**Lupus – Juvenile Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (JSLE)**

Juvenile Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (JSLE) is more commonly referred to as Lupus or Childhood Lupus. This is a life long disease in children which can cause inflammation in any part of the body including skin, joints and many of the body’s major organs. Lupus is an autoimmune disease, which means the body’s immune system attacks healthy tissues, but why this happens is not fully understood. There is no cure for Lupus but there are many effective treatments and new developments in care.

Common signs and symptoms of Childhood Lupus include:

- Fatigue
- Skin rashes, especially over the bridge of the nose and cheeks
- Swollen or achy joints
- Mouth Ulcers
- Unusual hair loss

As Lupus symptoms are similar to lots of other conditions, it can be difficult to diagnose.

Further information can be found on the Lupus UK website:

www.lupusuk.org.uk/lupus-in-young-people/