

Child Protection Service (CPS)

The Service was established as a result of the Children, Young Person and their Families Act 1989. The CPS is a multidisciplinary team composed of a Child Protection Coordinator, Child Protection Worker, Paediatrician and administration staff.

All Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) staff working in inpatient, outpatient and community settings can access the services of the CPS, except for staff who work within the Mental Health Division. There is a designated Coordinator who assists with child protection matters within the Mental Health Division.

What does the CPS do?

- Provides a guidance and consultation service to CDHB staff on child protection matters.
- Receives referrals from CDHB staff where there are care and protection concerns.
- Facilitates and coordinates a multi-disciplinary meeting of child health professionals SCAN (Special Child Assessment Network) which advises and supports staff to review cases where there are care and protection concerns.
- Receives referrals from Child, Youth and Family and the Police for paediatric medical assessments when there are concerns regarding abuse and neglect.

- Facilitates and/or attends interagency meetings when there are care and protection concerns.
- Provides training and education for CDHB staff in child protection.
- Provides training and education opportunities in the community for other professionals and agencies.
- Develops the policy for the CDHB on child protection matters.
- Promotes and supports collaborative interagency practice between Health and other agencies, e.g. Child Youth and Family, Police, Cambridge Clinic.
- Represents the CDHB on multi-agency working parties on Child Protection matters.

How to make a referral to the CPS

To make a referral either:

Phone: External (03) 364 0905
Internal 80905

Fax: External (03) 364 1459
Internal 81459

Mail: Child Protection Service
Christchurch Hospital
Private Bag 4710
Christchurch

Database: Available only to those users with referral authority on the Child Protection database

You are welcome to contact the Child Protection Service for **guidance and consultation** at anytime during working hours.

Ministry of Health Child Abuse Assessment and Response Summary

1. Identify
2. Provide emotional support for identified or suspected victims
3. Assess risk
4. Safety planning and referral
5. Document
6. Refer

Remember

A referral to Child, Youth and Family can be made at any time through your assessment process, depending on the level of risk.

To contact the Child, Youth and Family Call Centre, ph: 0508 326459.

REMEMBER: do not work with child protection matters in isolation, always consult with someone else.

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