

Out Of Home Care (OOHC) Health Assessments – Information for Carers

What is the Health Pathway?

A program to ensure that Children and Young People entering statutory Out of Home Care have their health needs identified and health plans developed to meet those needs.

Each Local Health District has an Out of Home Care Coordinator who is a key point of contact for caseworkers regarding the Health Pathway.

Immediate medical concerns and your General Practitioner (GP)

The Out of Home Care Health Assessment does not replace your GP.

If you have immediate medical concerns for a child in your care, please seek medical attention.

Referral Criteria

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Who is referred?

Children and Young People who are 0-17 years of age, entering statutory Out of Home Care, after the 1st July 2010, and are likely to remain in care for longer than 90 days.

What can I expect?

Children and Young People in Out of Home Care often have complex physical, social-emotional, developmental and sometimes Mental Health needs and will require different types of health assessments. All Children and Young People will require a Health Screen.

What may be included in the Health Assessment?

- The Primary Health Screen will look at physical health, growth and development, vision screening, hearing screening, dental screening, immunisation review and emotional well-being.
- There will be opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns you, the carer, might have, or concerns the child might have.
- If medical follow-up is required, the health worker will recommend that you attend a GP with the child.
- Depending on the outcome of the Primary Health Screen, the child may also receive a Counselling, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Dental or a Paediatrician assessment.

Who to contact?

Please contact your caseworker if you have any questions about the OOHC Health Assessments. Or you can contact the Nepean Blue Mountains OOHC Coordinator on 4730 5100