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CHILD PROTECTION, VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT – MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

POLICY STATEMENT

Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) recognises that they owe a duty of care to protect and promote the wellbeing of any unborn, child, young person or adult with suspected, witnessed, reported or disclosed violence, abuse or neglect that has presented to hospital or who has been referred to and / or treated by BOPDHB community staff.

All women 16 years and over, who present to a BOPDHB service will be routinely screened for partner abuse / family violence; AND

All men aged 16 years and over who present to a BOPDHB service with indicators of partner abuse / family violence.

The screening will be completed by BOPDHB staff in the following services (but not limited to):

Emergency Department, Paediatrics, Maternity, Mental Health & Addiction Services, Maori Health Services, Sexual Health Services and Public Health Nurse teams.

PURPOSE

To set out the expected performance and responsibilities of the BOPDHB staff / contractors to identify, manage and report suspected, witnessed, reported or disclosed violence, abuse or neglect of any type (physical, emotional / psychological, sexual abuse) that complies with relevant legislation.

BOPDHB recognises the important role and responsibility staff have in the accurate detection of suspected child abuse and / or neglect, and the early recognition of children at risk of abuse and adults at risk of abusing children.

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

REFERENCES

- Crimes Act 1961
- Crimes Amendment Act 2012
- [Vulnerable Children Act 2014](#)
- Privacy Act 1993
- Health Information Privacy Code 1994
- Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers Rights 1996
- New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
- Domestic Violence Act 1995
- Summary of Offences Act 1981
- Care of Children Act 2005
- Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989 plus amendments.

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- Health Act 1956 including Section 125.
- [Ministry of Health. 2002. Family Violence Intervention Guidelines Child and Partner Abuse Wellington: Ministry of Health.](#)
- Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect Flipchart
- [Office of the Children’s Commissioner and UNICEF. 2004. Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Office of the Children’s Commissioner. 2006. Safety of Children in Hospital](#)
- Child, Youth and Family, the Ministry of Health and the New Zealand Police. Memorandum of Understanding on the Safety of Children in Hospital with Suspected or Confirmed Non Accidental Injury.
- Dobash RE, Dobash RP. 1992 *Women, violence and social change*. London and New York: Routledge Press.
- Gielen A, O’ Campo P, Campbell J, et al 2000. Women’s opinion’s about domestic violence screening and mandatory reporting. *Journal of Preventative Medicine* 19:279-85
- Breaking the Cycle Interagency Protocols for Child Abuse Management. New Zealand CYPS 1996
- Breaking the Cycle An Interagency guide to Child Abuse New Zealand CYPS 1997
- Recognition of Child Abuse and Neglect’ published by the Risk Management Project, Children, Young Persons and Their Families Agency 1997

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.3 protocol 0 Violence, Abuse and Neglect – Management and Reporting Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.3 protocol 1 Child Protection, Abuse and Neglect - Management and Reporting Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.3 protocol 2 Partner Abuse, Family Violence Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.3 protocol 3 Older Person Violence, Abuse, Neglect Standards (Interim)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.2 Child Protection Alerts
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.2 protocol 1 Child Protection Alerts Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Glossary of Terms / Definitions
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Glossary of Terms / Definitions – Vulnerable Children Act
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.4.4 Cultural Safety - Māori
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.5.1 Interpreter Services
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.1 Health Information Privacy
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.1 protocol 1 Health Information Privacy Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.2 Health Records Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.6.1 protocol 1 Management of Information
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 3.50.01 protocol 1 Recruitment Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 3.50.02 protocol 7 Supporting Staff

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- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.5.1 Security
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.5.1 protocol 1 Abduction of Baby / Child Receiving Treatment - Responsibilities & Management of Risk
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.5.1 protocol 2 Abduction - Post Abduction of Baby / Child From Hospital - Management of
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.5.3 Trespass
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.5 Alerts
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.9.4 Visitors and Nominated Support Persons
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Summary of Injuries Form (618C) – *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Emergency Department Child Injury Assessment form (7441) – *viewable only. Order through Design & Print Centre*
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.F4.1 Family Violence Risk Assessment
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.R6.1 Report of Concern - CYF

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