

Consent to collect mum's health information

I
am the mother of the child
I understand that some information about me may be relevant to the health of my child.

I authorise the doctor or nurse, or gateway coordinator acting on their behalf, to collect health information about me that may be relevant to the health of my child. They will collect this from any agency, and that agency will pass information to the doctor, nurse or coordinator.

I understand that information that is important to the health of my child may be included in the summary report to the social worker. I understand that the report may also be provided to my child's doctor, teacher, legal counsel, and may be shared at a Family Group Conference.

Signature:

Date:



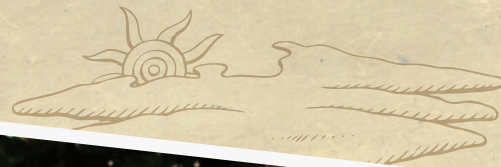
sorting it out

We want every child and young person to thrive.

Sometimes children have health problems that have not been picked up before.

Gateway assessments are where we find out about your child's health needs. We also look at how they're doing at school.

Then we can make sure they get all the right help. That might be anything from a dental check up, hearing test, or extra support at school.



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keeping kids healthy and well

*Gateway assessments:
information for parents*



At Child, Youth and Family, we want children to get all the health and education services they need. By working with you we can help children to be:

safe

from harm and well cared for

well

with all the health care they need

sorted

so they can be at their best.



Want to know more?
Contact Child, Youth and Family at 0508 CARERS (0800 227 377)
www.cyf.govt.nz



how it all works

Seeking consent

Talking with you is the first thing we do.

We'll ask your permission, to make sure you're okay with us finding out about your child's health needs, and talking to their school.

We're also interested in learning anything about your health that might be relevant to your child's, like how you were during your pregnancy, or any family history that may be important.

This is all about finding out if your child has any health or education things that we can help with, so they can feel well, and be at their best.

We'll keep you involved as much as you'd like, and you can talk to us or the health coordinator any time you have any questions.

Collecting information

- ⋮ If your child's at school or pre-school, their social worker will ask their teacher about how they're doing with their learning. This will include questions about how they play and get along with others.
- ⋮ The social worker will ask the school for copies of any previous education assessments done for your child.
- ⋮ Their social worker will also talk to the health coordinator, usually a nurse at the hospital. The coordinator's job is to collect information that builds a picture of your child's health and treatment history. They do this by contacting your child's doctor, Plunket nurse, or health professionals who've looked after them in the past.
- ⋮ Once they've collected all the information, the coordinator will get in touch with you, your child, their caregivers if they're living somewhere else, and your child's social worker to organise a health check.

The health check

A children's doctor or youth health specialist carries out the health check. They'll look for any health worries, checking things like hearing and eyesight. They'll ask about your child's diet and how they're feeling generally.

It's good if you can go along too to answer any questions. If your child's living away from home, their caregiver might be at the check up as well.

Getting the right help

After the health assessment, the doctor will talk to you, your child, their social worker and any people looking after them about what they find, and what might help keep them healthy and well. Sometimes it's useful to talk about what they find at a Family Group Conference.

Help for your child might be anything from seeing a speech or behaviour specialist, having medicine, or visiting the dentist.

the permission process

Thanks for agreeing to let us find out about your child's health and education, so we can help them be healthy and well.

If you have any questions any time, talk to your social worker, or call us on 0508 FAMILY (0508 326 459).

Consent of parent or guardian

Name of child:

I
am the parent or guardian of this child, and give my permission for them to have a gateway assessment.

I authorise the doctor or nurse, or gateway coordinator acting on their behalf, to collect health information about my child from any agency, and for those agencies to share that information with the doctor or nurse, to help them with their assessment.

I give my permission for my child's teacher to provide information about how they're doing at school, and any previous assessments, to the doctor or nurse, and for them to pass this information to their social worker.

I agree for the doctor or nurse to carry out a health check on my child.

I also give my permission for the summary report to be returned to the social worker to help them understand any health issues they can help with. I understand a copy of the summary report and recommendations may also be shared with the teacher, my child's doctor and their legal counsel. I also understand that the information may be shared at a Family Group Conference.

Signature:

Date:

