

# Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment

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## South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

is committed to implementing the Child Safe Standards.



### STANDARD 1

Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture



### STANDARD 3

Families and communities are informed and involved



### STANDARD 2

Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously



### STANDARD 5

People working with children are suitable and supported



### STANDARD 6

Processes to respond to complaints of child abuse are child focused



### STANDARD 7

Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training



### STANDARD 8

Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur



### STANDARD 9

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved

### STANDARD 10

Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe

For more information on the Child Safe Standards visit [www.ocg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au)



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South Eastern Sydney Local Health District is committed to providing a safe environment for all children and young people.

We are implementing the Child Safe Standards to make our services safer for children and young people, because **Child Safety is everybody's business.**

## It is our responsibility to:

- provide culturally safe, equitable and responsive healthcare to Aboriginal children and young people.
- deliver Aboriginal models of care that are developed and led by Aboriginal staff in partnership with relevant services.
- respond to the needs of children and young people from diverse cultural and language backgrounds, children and young people with a disability and children and young people who identify as LGBTQI+.
- respond to the needs of children and young people who have experienced trauma.
- have processes in place to identify and protect children and young people who may be experiencing abuse.
- develop the skills and experience of staff to keep children and young people safe.
- adapt our care delivery to be flexible and responsive to the diverse emotional, medical, and developmental needs of children and young people.
- continually review and make improvements to keep our organisation a safe place for children and young people.

Our commitment to providing safe, supportive and inclusive care is guided by our **CORE** values.

<b>Collaboration</b>	We partner with children, young people, their families/carers and organisations to deliver safe health services.
<b>Openness</b>	We ask for feedback. We are open and honest in how we use it to keep children and young people safe. We use feedback from our staff and community in our Child Safety staff training.
<b>Respect</b>	Our staff are patient and easy to approach. They respect each child and young person as an individual. We respect the diversity of our community. Our staff know about the diverse needs of children and young people. They use inclusive language. We create an inclusive environment by making sure our space is culturally safe.  This includes displaying Aboriginal artworks, NSW Health Apology and an Acknowledgement of Country. The provision of comprehensive and culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal children and young people is a priority for us. We provide safe clinical spaces and waiting rooms. They are clean and display welcoming signs and children's artwork. Our staff are friendly and wear name badges.
<b>Empowerment</b>	We support children and young people to take part in their own safety and well-being. We share information and provide opportunities for children and young people to ask questions and be involved in decisions about their health. We support children and young people to understand health information and how to get the health care they need. We use simple words, kind voices and welcoming body language.