

 <p><b>BAY OF PLENTY</b> DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD HAUORA A TOI</p>	<p>Policy Name: <b>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</b> File Name: 1.2.1</p>	<p>Policy No: 1.2.1 Issue Date: May 2014 Review Date: May 2015</p>
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## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

### POLICY STATEMENT

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

The welfare, interests and safety of children / young persons shall be the first and paramount consideration. Reporting of all abuse or neglect of children / young persons to Child, Youth and Family (CYF) is mandatory.

Section 15 & 16 of the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989 protect from civil, criminal and disciplinary proceedings any person disclosing in good faith information pertaining to abuse and neglect of children / young persons.

### PURPOSE

To set out the expected performance and responsibilities of the BOPDHB staff to manage and report suspected, witnessed, reported or disclosed abuse or neglect of children / young persons that complies with relevant legislation.

### EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

### REFERENCES

- Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989 plus amendments.
- 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.

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## ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.1 protocol 1 Child Abuse and Neglect – Standards](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.1 protocol 2 Child Abuse - Hospital Protocol for Suspected or Confirmed Abuse or Neglect of Child or Young Person](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.1 protocol 3 Child Abuse - Community Protocol for Suspected or Confirmed Abuse or Neglect of a Child or Young Person](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.2 Older Person – Abuse, Violence, Neglect \(Interim\)](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.3 Partner Abuse, Family Violence - Management](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.7 Child Protection Alerts](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.7 protocol 1 Child Protection Alerts - Standards](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.7 protocol 2 Child Protection Alerts – Adding, Responding To and Removing](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 0.0 Glossary of Terms / Definitions](#)
- [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 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 6.1.5 Alerts](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board Summary of Injuries Form \(618C\)](#)
- [Bay of Plenty District Health Board Emergency Department Child Injury Assessment form \(7441\)](#)

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