

## SAFETY OF CHILDREN

### POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) aim to ensure the safety and protection of children when providing services directly to children, parents / caregivers and families / whanau.

### PURPOSE

- BOPDHB owes a duty of care to children, hence children are a primary focus in the provision of services
- Every child has an inherent right to life i.e. survival, the highest attainable standard of health, wellbeing and development


### EXCLUSIONS

Nil.

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### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.1 protocol 1 Safe Infant (Birth to 1 Year) Sleeping
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.1 protocol 2 Boarder Babies
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.6.4 Vulnerable Persons
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.2 Smokefree – Auahi Kore
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.2 protocol 0 Smokefree - Smoking Cessation ABCs
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.2 protocol 3 Smokefree - Mental Health and Addiction Services (MH&AS) Inpatient Unit Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.2 protocol 4 Smokefree - Inpatient Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.2 protocol 5 Smokefree - Management of Nicotine Dependence
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.5.1 Inpatient Discharge Planning
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.5.1 protocol 1 Discharge Planning - Inpatient Process
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.5.1 protocol 3 Discharge Planning – Inpatient Self Discharge Planning Process
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Administration protocol ADMIN.S6.1 Do Not Arrive (DNA) and Did Not Wait (DNW) Standards

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