

Hospital Play Specialists Association

Standards for Hospital Play Specialist Services

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<i>Strategic plan for hospital play specialist services</i>	Every healthcare institution providing care for infants, children and young people shall have a strategic plan for providing a comprehensive hospital play specialist service, developed in conjunction with a certified hospital play specialist.
<i>Leadership</i>	Hospital play specialist services throughout the institution shall be led by a suitably qualified hospital play specialist.
<i>Treaty of Waitangi</i>	Hospital play specialist services shall honour their obligations to Maori arising from the Treaty of Waitangi.
<i>Culturally safe practice</i>	Hospital play specialist services shall be provided in a manner that maintains cultural safety.
<i>Scope of service</i>	The hospital play specialist service shall include direct services, consultation and teaching, advocacy, environmental planning, and research.
<i>Approach to care</i>	Hospital play specialists shall work in collaboration with parents, families and whanau, as members of interdisciplinary teams.
<i>Staffing</i>	Sufficient hospital play specialists shall be available to assess, plan, evaluate and safely provide comprehensive hospital play specialist services for infants, children, young people, families and whanau.
<i>Professional qualifications and development</i>	Hospital play specialists shall be suitably qualified and meet Hospital Play Specialist Association competency standards. They shall engage in continuing professional development and be supported to achieve certification as a NZ certified hospital play specialist.
<i>Policies and procedures</i>	Hospital play specialist services shall be guided by written policies and procedures based on the Official Documents of the Hospital Play Specialists Assn of Aotearoa/NZ, Ministry of Education regulations for Hospital Based Early Childhood Education services, and all relevant requirements of the healthcare institution.
<i>Documentation</i>	Hospital play specialist services shall be documented in patient care records and in service statistics.
<i>Quality assurance</i>	Hospital play specialist services shall have a quality assurance process for regular review, evaluation and improvement.
<i>Funding and Facilities</i>	There shall be designated budget, playroom space, facilities, resources and equipment which are adequate to fulfil the needs of the clinical, educational and administrative aspects of the hospital play specialist service.