

# Standards for Hospital Play Specialist Services



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