

CONTACT US

You have 24 hour access to paediatric support while your newborn/child is being cared for in the HITH Program.

03 8395 9100

.... tell the staff you are a HITH client

Your newborn / child's details

Place Patient ID label here ...

Hospital In The Home

Women's & Children's HITH provides inpatient care and support at home for children and neonates who are patients of Western Health

Women's & Children's Neonatal and Children's Services

Hospital In The Home (HITH)

WESTERN HEALTH

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Western Health

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Western Health

The Service

- Is run by experienced paediatric / neonatal nurses.
- Provides continuity of care and transition from hospital to home.
- Is for babies and children whose conditions and progress can be safely managed at home.
- Keeps your family doctor and the hospital informed of your baby/child's progress.
- Provides you with information and support to care for your baby/child at home.



Benefits of HITH

- Your baby/child's hospital stay is reduced.
- Experienced nurses will visit your home to provide care, support and advice as needed.
- Medical supplies and medicines your baby/child may require are supplied by Western Health.
- You will have 24 hour phone access to nursing and medical staff while your baby/child is admitted in our Hospital In The Home Program

Families must agree to

- Allow the specialist HITH staff access to home
- Have ready access to transport if your baby/child requires readmission to Hospital
- Keep both hospital name bands on your baby until discharge from HITH
- Follow all advice about the care of your baby given to you by the HITH staff.
- If you are not at home with your baby/child when the HITH staff have arranged to visit you can no longer remain in the HITH Program and will be required to be readmitted to SCN or Children's Ward.

Taking newborns home

Remember when you first take your baby home it will be a new environment for them.

Your baby may need time to adjust.

Keep your home free of draughts and at a comfortable temperature for all of the family. Do not over heat or cool the environment. The baby will adapt his/her temperature control.

We suggest you do not bath your baby for 48 hours after going home, this will help the baby adjust to the new climate at home.

If you have any concerns

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your baby/child's care do not hesitate to call

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