Refugee Health Nurse Program

Information for General Practitioners & Other Health Professionals

What the program provides:

- **Initial point of contact** with the health system for newly arrived refugees
- **Nurse-led health screening** for health conditions commonly experienced by newly arrived refugees
- **Referral** to local General Practitioners (GPs) for ongoing health care
- **Referral** to a range of mainstream and specialised health services as required
- Co-ordination of **initial health care for refugees** with complex and/or multiple health needs
- Information and support to GPs and other health professionals regarding **ongoing health care of refugees**.

Benefits of the program for GPs and other health professionals:

- **Streamlined referral** from the program to GPs and other health professionals
- Systematic transfer of **detailed history and summary of the health screening results**, which can be used by GPs as the foundation of a comprehensive refugee health assessment (per Medical Benefits Schedule Items 701, 703, 705, 707)
- **Access to advice, support and resources** through NSW Refugee Health Service regarding ongoing care of refugees and asylum seekers.

Who delivers the program and where:

- A team of **Refugee Health Nurses**, centrally coordinated by the **NSW Refugee Health Service** in Liverpool, deliver the program through a range of community-based health sites listed here. These will be supplemented by a limited home visiting service to conduct health screening for a small number of clients/families who are unable to attend these locations
- **Professional interpreters** are used to provide language support, as required.

Note: People seeking asylum in Australia are referred to our GP clinics. Contact us on: 8778-0770 or www.refugeehealth.org.au

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How to refer

We accept referrals from all sources, including health professionals, schools, settlement services and self-referral.

Referral forms can be downloaded at: www.refugeehealth.org.au/how_refer.html

Referrals can be made through a central intake:

Email: SWSLHD-RHSReferrals@health.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 02 8778 0770 :: Fax: 02 8778 0790

Community-Based Health Sites

**Liverpool**
NSW Refugee Health Service
157-161 George St,
Liverpool

**Mt Druitt**
Mt Druitt Community Health Centre
Cnr Buran & Kelly Close, Mt Druitt

**Fairfield**
NSW Refugee Health Service
50 Harris St,
Fairfield

**Penrith**
Country Women’s Association Building
Cnr Tindale & Castlereagh St, Penrith

**Auburn**
Auburn Community Health Centre
Norval St,
Auburn

**St Mary’s**
St Mary’s Community Health Centre
Cnr Gidley & Chapel St,
St Mary’s

**Blacktown**
Blacktown Community Health Centre
Cnr Marcel Crescent & Blacktown Rd, Blacktown

**Canterbury**
Canterbury Community Health Centre
Cnr Thorncroft Parade & Canterbury Rd, Campsie

For more information about the program: NSW Refugee Health Service www.refugeehealth.org.au
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