

What happens after a referral is made?

We will review the referral from your PCHN doctor to see if we are the best fit for your child's needs.

If you would be better supported by another service, we will let your doctor know and provide them with suggestions for other services.

If DCPN is the best service for your needs, your child will be connected with a psychologist or placed on a waitlist until one becomes available.

Do you need urgent support?



In the event of a mental health emergency, you can present to any Emergency Department or call **CAMHS Crisis Connect** on **1800 048 636**.

If you have a life-threatening emergency, you should present to your local Emergency Department or **call 000**.

Contact DCPN



08 6456 0261



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For language assistance, please speak to one of our staff or call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450 to facilitate your call.

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Perth Children's Hospital



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**Department of
Clinical Psychology
and Neuropsychology
(DCPN)**

What is DCPN?

The Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology (DCPN) provides psychological care to children and families of Perth Children's Hospital and Neonatology (PCHN).

Medical conditions and injuries can impact the emotional, behavioural, relational, and cognitive wellbeing of a child and their family.

At DCPN we provide sensitive, family-centred, and evidence-based care for infants, children, young people, and parents/carers during their medical journey.

We work together with children, their families, and medical teams in the inpatient and outpatient settings.



DCPN is a free service and requires a referral from your child's PCHN doctor.

Clinical Psychology

Specialises in understanding and addressing people's emotional, behavioural, and relational needs.



At DCPN we work with children and families to help them manage their emotional, behavioural, and relational concerns associated with a child's medical condition or treatment.

We can help your child and family with:

- Coping with and adjusting to illness, injury, and treatment.
- Managing feelings of stress, anxiety, depression, or other mental health concerns related to your child's medical condition.

Clinical Neuropsychology

Specialises in understanding the relationship between the brain and behaviour.



At DCPN we work with children who have medical conditions that can affect thinking (cognitive) skills.

We can help your child and family by:

- Assessing your child's cognitive skills, such as attention, learning and memory, and problem-solving.
- Helping families, doctors, and teachers understand a child's cognitive skills to better support them at home and school.