

Care of Patients with Autism in the hospital setting:

ACTION PLAN: Clinical Guideline - clinical practice guidance for care of patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the Emergency Department and those accessing hospital services

Goal	Recommended Action	Outcomes	Stakeholders	Due Date	Status	Comments
Identify existing CHS guidelines/procedures relating to this population	Identify stakeholders	CHS guidelines that specifically address care related to Autism or developmental delay: - The and Post-Operative Care of the Adult Special Needs Patient in Day Surgery Unit (2011) (Care of Surgery Admission Protocol) CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface Autism specific service providers - Marymead Autism Centre, Autism Spectrum Australia, Autism Awareness Australia Consumer/advocacy groups - Australian Autism Alliance, CASPER, Health Care Consumer Association	CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface	20th September 2019	Completed	Related to existing policies - such as the 'Restriction of a person policy' and 'Consent and Treatment policy'.
Review existing resources	Review resources provided by CASPER (from meeting on the 8th August 2019) Benchmark with other services			18th October 2019		
Development of guideline	Identify suitable external guidelines that may be able to be used or adapted for use at CHS - policy placcholders Review identified possible policy placcholders in consultation with stakeholders If external guidelines are found to be appropriate, initiation request for placcholder on the policy register sent to executive for endorsement. Initiation request submitted to CHS Policy Committee for approval Please note: If external guidelines are not found to be appropriate will need to develop a guideline - this will extend time line significantly		CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface	15th January 2020 15th February 2020 15th March 2020		
Implementation	Liaison with CHS stakeholders regarding appropriate communication strategies within each area Liaison with CHS stakeholders regarding whether staff education and training is required Identification of external training providers and costs Communication of endorsed policy		CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface CHS Divisions - Critical Care - Emergency Department, WYC - Paediatrics (hospital based), MHI/JAOS - ED and Mental Health Interface	Apr-20 May-20		