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# Children and Young People in Out-Of-Home Care (OOHC)

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Model of Care

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## Summary

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## Key dates

Jan 2016

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## Implementation sites

Children's Health Queensland

## Partnerships

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## Aim

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- Digitisation and review of existing paper-based health and developmental assessment and management tools
  - Development of a secure, shared digital platform for the documentation of the young person's health status, with integrated multi-user management planning capability.

## Benefits

- Efficiency in both primary care and HHSs due to improved access to relevant information such as test results and referrals, with appropriate confidentiality safeguards.
- Patient safety and quality of care arising from digital access to contemporaneous health information.
- Waiting list reduction for public paediatric, developmental, and mental health services through improved management in primary health and other non-HHS settings.
- Reduced burden of this group on adult mental and physical health services in the long term.

## Background

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## Further Reading

[National Clinical Assessment Framework - March 2011 - Information for General Practitioners](#)