# YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH SERVICE

*The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne*

# Objectives Hierarchy for YPHS

**YPHS goal:** To improve the health and well being of young people aged 12–24 at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Victoria

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YPHS nurse provides nursing diagnosis, interventions and treatments identified through the HEADSS assessment

**Assumptions:** Youth Health Nurses have specialist skills: Post Grad Adolescent Health, AOD competency, HIV/Hep C test advisor, Post Grad Sexual Health, accredited nurse immuniser, single session therapy skills

**Assumption:** Client engages, undertakes opportunistic interventions, follows up appointments/referral if indicated

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All new clients to YPHS undergo a HEADSS youth psychosocial assessment

**Assumptions:** Youth Health Nurse has specialist youth assessment skills

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FIW refers young people to YPHS

**Assumptions:**

FIW knows referral process and makes referral using the intake tool

Homeless young person wants to access YPHS

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YPHS nursing staff receives referral

**Assumptions:**

Nurse not in consult at time of referral

Within clinic hours (Mon–Fri 12–5pm)

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Co-located service worker refers young people to YPHS

**Assumptions:**

Co-located service knows referral process and makes referral via FIW

Homeless young person wants to access YPHS

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The Frontyard intake worker (FIW) informs all young people who access Frontyard about YPHS (and other co-located services available)

**Assumptions:** FIW and co-located services know, and inform young people about all of the co-located services available; inform young people that YPHS is free and no Medicare card is required; explain drop in and hours of operation; promotes current initiatives e.g. flu vaccine

FIW understand health needs of homeless young people and that PHC is an early intervention approach

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To reduce barriers to Primary Health Care (PHC) service access for homeless young people aged 12–24 years in Melbourne CBD through service co-location at Frontyard

**Assumptions:** young people aware of Frontyard co-located youth services; young people have access to public transport; young people will access PHC service