

Further information

We can be contacted on:

- (03) 9345 6391 (during business hours)
- (03) 9345 5522 (after hours). Ask switchboard staff to page the on-call Gatehouse Centre worker

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General information

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Gatehouse Centre at The Royal Children's Hospital is a Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) that provides counselling and crisis intervention services to children and young people who have been affected by sexual abuse. We take a child-centred family focus, so our assessments and interventions include parents, carers and the broader social system of the child or young person.

Gatehouse Centre clinicians are highly qualified social workers, psychologists, psychotherapists and art therapists, who are very experienced in working with children and young people, sexual abuse and psychological trauma.

All counselling services are provided at no cost to families.

Services provided by Gatehouse Centre

- **Counselling services** for children, young people and their families affected by sexual abuse, either as victim/survivors, or as children and young people displaying problematic sexual behaviours.
- **Crisis care services** for children and young people who have very recently been sexually assaulted or disclosed sexual abuse. A crisis care response may include a forensic medical examination in collaboration with the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service and police.
- **Specialist consultation, advocacy and training** to other Royal Children's Hospital departments, the Department of Human Services (Child Protection and Disability Services), police, courts, community agencies, schools as well as community groups and organisations.
- **Research** into treatment and prevention of child abuse.

Referrals and consultation

Any professional or member of the public can contact the Gatehouse Centre duty worker to discuss whether a referral is appropriate.

Any professional or member of the public who would like to discuss their training or consultation needs can also contact the duty worker.

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