

# Paediatric Refugee Health Clinic

Craigieburn Health Services

The **Paediatric Refugee Health Clinic** is a joint initiative between Northern Health (NH) and The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) to provide specialist paediatric refugee services in Melbourne's North. The clinic provides a multidisciplinary assessment service for recently arrived children of a refugee background. Asylum seeker children and children in community detention are also welcome.

## Clinic details

**Time:** Fortnightly Fridays, 9:30am to 4pm

**Clinician:** RCH Paediatric Refugee Health Fellow

**Eligibility:** All recently arrived children of refugee background, including asylum seekers on bridging visas or community detention who are under 18 years of age.

## Issues commonly managed

- Refugee Health Assessment (RHA)
- Learning/behavioural issues and developmental delay/disability
- Adolescent health issues
- Birthdate issues
- Growth/nutritional issues
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Iron deficiency
- Tuberculosis screening and treatment of latent TB
- Mental health issues (medical components of assessment/management)
- Catch-up immunisation planning (unable to administer on-site)

## To refer

GP referrals are not required. We accept direct referrals from refugee health nurses, settlement agencies, maternal child health nurses, schools, and others.

Referral information should include:

- Reason for referral
- Accurate contact details, including telephone number
- Immigration status (e.g. refugee, asylum seeker)
- Preferred language and interpreter requirement
- Casework contact details if available
- Previous investigations
- Vaccination history
- Immigration health records (pre-arrival or detention paperwork)

**Referrals should be faxed or emailed to the centralized Northern Health Ambulatory Care Entry and Triage Service (ACETS)**

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Attn: **Bev Leiper**

Fax: **(03) 9495 3510**

Free call: **1300 128 539** (*referral enquiries only*)

Email: **ACETS.Helpdesk@nh.org.au**

