

## What if I want to comment?

We hope that you and your child benefit from using this service and welcome your comments and suggestions.

If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of the treatment or care, please tell us. Our nurses will be happy to listen to your concerns, and if possible, sort out any problems you may have.

A Family Advocacy Support Service is available at PMH to assist you with any concerns, comments or compliments.

Phone: (08) 9340 7198  
(Mon to Fri - office hours).

HiTH can be contacted on  
**(08) 9340 8379**

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## Hospital in the Home Program for Children (HiTH)

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## What is Hospital in the Home (HiTH)?

Hospital in The Home allows neonates, infants and children whose condition is stable to be nursed at home as an alternative to hospital inpatient care.

Nurses who are experienced in caring for children provide home visits to offer nursing care, assessment, advice and support.

## Who can use the HiTH Program?

- Your hospital consultant must agree that your child is well enough to continue treatment at home.
- You have the choice of continuing your child's treatment in hospital or in your own home.
- You must live within the metropolitan area.

## What does HITH provide?

The HiTH nurse will arrange to visit you before you leave the hospital. Home visits can be provided up to 3 times a day if required to provide nursing care.

The HiTH nurses are available to visit every day of the week from 7AM to 10PM.

There may be a number of different nurses visiting you at home.

You can request an additional visit between your arranged visits if you have any concerns.

You can contact a nurse at any time day or night.

Your child will be discharged from HiTH at the same time as they would otherwise have been discharged from hospital. Your GP will be notified of this discharge.

## Which doctor is responsible for my child?

Your child will remain under the care of the hospital consultant at Princess Margaret Hospital whilst on the HITH program.

Your GP will be informed by fax that you are on the HITH program.

If your child needs to see a doctor, the HiTH nurse will arrange for your child to attend the hospital for a medical review.

## What will I need to do?

If your child is eligible for HiTH and you decide to be transferred to the program you will be required to:

- Have access to a phone so if you have any concerns you can contact the HiTH nurse on 9340 8379.

- Have access to a car in case you are required to return to PMH.
- Sign an agreement regarding the HiTH program which will be explained to you.
- Be at home with your child at the time agreed each day.
- Assist the nurse in caring for your child as discussed in hospital. The HiTH nurse will provide an individual plan of care for your child.
- Tell the HiTH nurse if you have any concerns or anxieties about caring for your child at home.

## Who do I contact if I am concerned?

You can contact a nurse any time of the day or night by phone if you have any questions or require advice on 9340 8379.

## Who do I contact in an emergency?

For a medical emergency DIAL 000 and ask for an ambulance.