

Child & Student Wellbeing

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Responding to problem sexual behaviour in children and young people



Guidelines for staff in education and care settings

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist education and care staff to respond effectively to incidents of problem sexual behaviour involving children and young people.

The actions of staff in these situations can be critical to the ongoing safety, wellbeing and recovery of children and young people; to the intervention in family violence, abuse and neglect; and to the safety of people on the site and in the community.

The guidelines are specifically designed for use by staff working with children and young people in Family Day Care, centre based child care, Out of School Hours Care, preschools, schools (including junior primary, primary, secondary, senior secondary and adult re-entry settings).

The document linked below is the **second edition**, published in November 2013. This edition has some additional information but **does not alter any of the prescribed actions for staff**. The additions are:

an explanation of the application of the Young Offenders Act, following a recommendation from the Independent Education Inquiry (p14)
cross referencing to further information about steps in the response checklist (p17)
and
support plans and parent guides, below, have also been included in the Appendices, in response to leaders' feedback.

[Responding to problem sexual behaviour in children and young people \(pdf 2MB\)](#)

In some situations you may also wish to refer to [Protective Practices for Staff in their Interactions with Children and Young People](#) and the [Information Sharing Guidelines](#).

List of Support Resources

[Guidance for responding to children and young people \(pdf\)](#)

[Behaviour Support Plan \(pdf\)](#)

[Behaviour Support Plan \(blank template\)](#)

[Support & Safety Plan \(pdf\)](#)

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[Incident and Response Scenarios - a staff discussion exercise \(pdf\)](#)

[Parent Meeting Discussion Guide \(template\)](#)

[Sample Parent Letter \(template\)](#)

Lists of support services for parents/caregivers

[Sample parent letter providing written confirmation of the offer of counselling](#)

[for children/young people who have engaged in problem sexual behaviour \(pdf\)](#)

[for children/young people affected by the behaviour of others \(pdf\)](#)

[Staff may also wish to access resources through the Catholic Education Office](#)

Adolescent Sexual Abuse Prevention program (Mary St) CAMHS service
<http://wch.sa.gov.au/services/az/divisions/mentalhealth/asapp/index.html>
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