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Child Protection Policy

Ponsonby A&E Dental Clinic strives to take care of all our patients in all areas of treatment, especially our most vulnerable patients whom are children and young people. We take the wellbeing of our patients seriously, and are legally obligated to report signs of child abuse under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and as contractors of the Ministry of Health.

Our clinic adopts Oranga Tamariki's Child Protection Policy, whereby a child is defined as someone younger than 18 and not married nor in a civil union. We as health professionals have a duty to ensure that every child in our care is receiving safe and sound treatment, as well as being free of harm outside of our practice.

Outlined in the Health Information Privacy Code (1994), Ponsonby A&E Dental Clinic must perform Worker Safety Assessments and report suspected abuse to the appropriate organisations. If we suspect a child is suffering from abuse, we report our concerns, and a Worker Safety Assessment is evaluated, involving but not limited to: police vetting and other appropriate steps to protect the child at their visit in our clinic.

We strive to guarantee the welfare of every child and young person inside and outside are clinic. Understanding the principles and processes of the Child Protection Policy is an important aspect of our staff induction and training. A life without abuse should not be prerogative.