

Community Health 4 Kids (CH4K)

B4 School Nurse Service

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. What do B4 School Nurses do?

A. **B4 School service** provides a free, confidential, and professional service for clients who are aged 4-5 years old to identify children's readiness for school

B4 School Nurses are registered nurses who use the B4 school screening tools to identify / assess children's development, behaviour and social skills that may impact on their ability to learn

B4 School Nurses refer to appropriate services and support families to engage with appropriate health services as required.

B4 School Nurses work in the community, visiting children & families in a variety of settings & provide health information and advice relevant to children's growth, development, physical, medical, social wellbeing, and behaviour.

B4 School Nurses are allocated children to follow up through the Ministry of Health

B4 School Nurses work closely with other internal services, GPs, education services, community services and iwi providers to find the best solutions for their clients.

Q. What common issues does a B4 school Nurse deal with?

A. **B4 School Nurses** deal with a wide range of health issues but some common issues are:

- Medical (skin infections, enuresis, encopresis, asthma)
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Child mental health
- Nutrition
- Vision and/or hearing issues
- Parenting issues
- Behaviour (anxiety, anger, ADHD and autism spectrum) (SDQ P and T)
- Development PEDS
- Family Violence

Q. Do B4 School Nurses work alone?

A. **B4 School Nurses** work autonomously while out in the community visiting families, pre -schools and agencies. At times they will make joint visits with other PHNs/ VHT'S or agencies if safety is an issue.

Q. What skills are required for a B4 School Nurse?

The Person

Essential

- Registered Nurse with current practising certificate
- Clean drivers' licence
- Effective time management skills
- Effective communication skills
- 2 yrs clinical experience (post registration)

Desirable

Computer literate

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Paediatric experience
- Experience working with children and families
- Paediatric Mental Health
- Experience in child development

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Passionate about working with 4-year-olds and their families
- Self motivated
- Keen and willing to learn and develop new skills
- Show cultural sensitivity and work in partnership with client/family/whanau
- Dedicated team player
- Show a caring but professional manner in all aspects of work
- Flexible and adaptable
- Able to prioritise work requirements
- Problem solving and solutions focused
- Show mutual respect - positively contributing to the good of the department
- Able to communicate effectively with all staff, clients, or families
- Have a commitment to quality and the provision of quality care