



NEWBORN ENROLMENT PROCESS

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora
Canterbury Waitaha

Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby. Your baby is entitled to **FREE** health services. Your child's details are recorded at birth and will be shared with the following services to enrol your baby in these services.

Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Early Intervention Programme

Every year in New Zealand up to 170 babies are born with significant hearing loss. Without early detection, these babies may have speech and language delays and be unable to develop adequate communication skills. You will be offered a free hearing screening to check whether your baby can hear well. The screening test is free and simple and will not hurt or harm your baby. You can be with your baby during screening and you will be told the results straightaway. If you are not seen in the Maternity unit you will be sent an appointment for an outpatients clinic. The information you provide is confidential to the Canterbury Waitaha District and to the National Screening Unit which monitors the programme.

Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR)

AIR is a computerised information system that records immunisations in New Zealand. AIR allows health professionals to quickly find out what vaccines your child has been given and ensure the right vaccine is given at the right time.

Your General Practice (GP) Team

Your GP team provides a range of free services for children from birth to 13 years. Providing your child's information will ensure they are enrolled with a General Practice.

You will need to contact your General Practice team to confirm this enrolment before baby's six week check.

Ethnicity

As parents you will have the opportunity to identify your child's ethnicity. This might not be exactly the same as the mother's ethnicity, so your LMC will ask you a standard ethnicity question for your child.

Community Dental Services

This is a free service for children and adolescents 0-18 years of age. Your child's first teeth will begin to appear from about 5-6 months of age. Dental education, preventative and basic treatment are provided free of charge from Community Dental Services. Your child will be automatically enrolled in these services at birth. Arrangements will be made for your child to be seen before they are two years of age. Your WCTO provider will provide you with advice and support until this first visit occurs. Talk to them if you have issues, and would like to be seen earlier by Community Dental Services.

Well Child Tamariki Ora Provider

This is a free service that will support you to ensure your child grows and develops to their full potential. This is offered to all New Zealand children from birth to four years. The enrolment information you have provided advises the Well Child provider that your child has arrived. Well Child Services are provided by four local organisations. Please see options below. Your LMC will confirm your choice at birth.

Well Child Tamariki Ora Services are provided by these groups:

PROVIDER	WHAT DO THEY OFFER?	CONTACT
Te Puawaitanga Ki Ōtautahi Trust	Māori focused services across Christchurch and Rolleston	0800 66 99 57
Plunket	Community wide service across Canterbury	03 366 0765
Public Health Nursing Service	Community wide service for the Kaikoura and Banks Peninsula regions	Banks Peninsula: 03 383 6878 Kaikoura: 03 319 5125
Te Tai O Marokura	Māori focused service in Kaikoura	03 319 5801

When do these visits occur?

TIME	CHECK	COMPLETED BY
Birth-24 hours	Newborn Check Newborn Enrolment in the Aotearoa Immunisation Register, Well Child Services, Newborn Hearing Screening and Community Dental Service	Midwife
24-48 hours	Well Child Assessment	Midwife
48-72 hours	Newborn Metabolic Screen (heel prick)	Midwife
24 hrs-1 month	Newborn Hearing Screening	Newborn Hearing Screening Service
Up to 1 week	Well Child Assessment	Midwife
Weeks 2-6	Well Child Assessment	Midwife
Week 4-6	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
Week 4-6	Transfer from Midwife to Well Child Tamariki Ora Service and your General Practice Team	General Practice Team
6 weeks	Immunisations	General Practice Team
Weeks 8-10	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
3 months	Immunisations	General Practice Team
3-4 months	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
5 months	Immunisations	General Practice Team
5-7 months	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
9-12 months	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
12 months	Immunisation	General Practice Team
2 years	Oral Health Assessment	Community Dental Service
15 months	Immunisations	General Practice Team
15-18 months	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
2-3 years	Well Child Assessment	Well Child Tamariki Ora
3 years	Oral Health Assessment	Community Dental Service
4 years	Immunisations Oral Health Assessment B4 School Check, including Vision and Hearing Testing	General Practice Team Community Dental Service General Practice Team or Public Health Nurse
5 years	Oral Health Assessment	Community Dental Service

Information sharing

The demographic information (NHI, Date of Birth, Gender, Ethnicity, Contact details) recorded by your LMC at your child's birth (either electronically or manually) will be shared with the health organisations "Services" listed on this form. This process will be coordinated by LinKIDS – Christchurch Health Coordination Service (LinKIDS), located alongside the Canterbury Waitaha District Aotearoa Immunisation Register Team.

The information held by LinKIDS will be used to:

1. Support your child(s) enrolment with the Services listed on this form.
2. As required, share demographic information between Services to ensure children remain engaged in these services.
3. Share information regarding children moving in and out of Canterbury Waitaha District.

The purpose of sharing this information is to ensure that children are enrolled in the Services as quickly and efficiently as possible and to ensure that the Services have as up to date information as possible to be able to get in touch with parents and guardians to deliver these services.

Declining enrolment in services: If you do not wish to enrol your child in one or any of these Services, please contact LinKIDS on 0800 555 121, once your child is born. You can decline enrolment in these services at any time, once your child is born.

Opting Out of LinKIDS: If you wish your child to be enrolled and receive the services, but do not wish your child's information to be shared with them by LinKIDS or between them as detailed above you can opt out of that information sharing. If you wish to opt-out of this information sharing please phone LinKIDS on 0800 555 121 once your child is born. You will be asked to complete an opt-off form to formalise this process. It will then be your responsibility as the caregiver to contact each service to enrol your child.

Declining or opting out of these services will not impact access to other Health and Disability Services. If you elect to decline or opt-out you can change your mind at any time by contacting LinKIDS.

Phone: 0800 555 121

Email: LinkIDS@cdhb.health.nz

Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR)

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