



Community Health Nurses working with primary schools

Who are Community Health Nurses?

Community Health Nurses (nurses) deliver school health services in primary schools across Western Australia. They are employed by Child and Adolescent Health Service (in metropolitan Perth) or WA Country Health Service. Nurses work with children, families and teachers within each school throughout the year. Most families will have had contact with these health services from birth (through neonatology and child health services).

Working with children at school

Nurses provide School Entry Health Assessments (SEHA) which assess hearing, vision, oral health, growth, development, and any other health and wellbeing issues that may be of concern.

- SEHA is offered to all children who are of school entry age. For the majority, this will be in kindergarten, however it could be done after school enrolment has occurred and prior to commencement of Kindy if a need is determined.
- For those children who did not attend Kindy, the SEHA will be offered in pre-primary. SEHAs are conducted throughout the school year.
- Nurses prioritise assessments after reviewing any concerns noted on the parent consent form and discussion with class teachers.

If a parent or teacher has a concern regarding development, health or wellbeing of a child that will not be receiving a SEHA they can contact the nurse via the school. Relevant age-appropriate assessments such as hearing, vision and growth can be undertaken with parental consent.

Nurses also conduct health assessments for children in the care of Department of Communities. These assessments are prioritised once a request has been received by the nurse from the Department of Communities.

