

NSW Refugee Health Plan 2022 - 2027

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PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin is to advise that the NSW Refugee Health Plan 2022-2027 ([Refugee Health Plan](#)) has been released.

The Refugee Health Plan seeks to ensure the delivery of timely, safe, high-quality services to people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds in NSW through both refugee-specific health services and through accessible, culturally responsive and trauma-informed mainstream health services.

KEY INFORMATION

The Refugee Health Plan affirms NSW Health's commitment to meeting the health needs of people from refugee backgrounds. It identifies goals and commitments designed to support people from refugee backgrounds to be healthy, thriving members of NSW, including:

- People from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds are able to access timely, culturally responsive, trauma-informed healthcare
- People from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds are at the centre of their healthcare
- NSW Health responds flexibly to meet new and emerging healthcare needs including by working collaboratively with other government agencies and non-government organisations.

Local Implementation

Implementation of the Refugee Health Plan is the responsibility of the entire NSW health system. NSW Health organisations are to use this to guide, develop and inform local plans for people from refugee backgrounds and people seeking asylum.

Local Health Districts and Speciality Health Networks with a sizeable refugee and/or asylum seeker populations must have a local implementation plan, which can be combined with or be embedded in local Multicultural Health Plans or Priority Populations planning.

Specialised refugee health services will use the Refugee Health Plan to support planning and direct service provision to people, as well as to support mainstream health services.

NSW Health pillars will use the Refugee Health Plan when increasing capability and quality of services, developing targeted models of care, training, and other relevant initiatives.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework

The NSW Ministry of Health will provide Refugee Health Plan oversight, governance, guidance and support to NSW Health organisations. An Advisory Committee will also be

established, which will provide advice on the implementation of the commitments in the Refugee Health Plan.

A joint monitoring and evaluation framework will be prepared to support oversight and reporting under the Refugee Health Plan and [Multicultural Health Plan](#).

Further Information

For further information please contact the Health and Social Policy Branch, Ministry of Health via email (MOH-HSPB@health.nsw.gov.au).

REVISION HISTORY

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IB2022_038 November-2022	Secretary, NSW Health	Rescinds the 2011-2016 Refugee Health Plan Published as Information Bulletin inline with the amended NSW Ministry policy on Strategic Plans and Policy Directives
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