

Summary

Objective

The Specialist Paediatric and Adolescent Rehabilitation Service (SPARS) provides specialist advisory, acute inreach inpatient, inpatient non-acute rehabilitation, community rehabilitation and follow up services for children and young people aged 15 years and under.

SPARS is a national service for the outpatient and outreach components, but only Auckland based for the inpatient component (provided by the Wilson Centre and Starship).

This service aims to:

- provide goal focused non-acute rehabilitation and reassessment services that have a strong multidisciplinary approach to support clients, who as a result of injury, require a specialist rehabilitation service to ensure they return to active participation in their home, education, leisure and community in a planned and timely manner
- ensure onward services required to support community based rehabilitation, community participation and wellness are coordinated by this service in conjunction with Client Services staff
- provide national leadership in child and adolescent rehabilitation using a shared care model that builds capability across health and disability services in New Zealand.

Owner Name Withheld

Expert Name Withheld

Procedure

1.0 Who is this service for?

- a** This service is for children or adolescents aged 15 years or under, or adolescents attending secondary school, or have an equivalent developmental age at the time of injury requiring specialist rehabilitation.

The advisory component of the service is available to any health professional who wishes to discuss a child or adolescent with probable injury related specialist rehabilitation needs.

- b** The Service Schedule (contract) sets out service expectations for this contract between ACC and Auckland DHB.

 [SPAR-Service Schedule](#)

2.0 Key features

- a** Advisory service

provides specialist advice, usually by telephone to other health professionals or current clients, their family and whanau

 [Advisory Services Service Page](#)

- b** Inreach service

the client, their family and whānau and the treating team are visited in the acute inpatient setting where early rehabilitation advice is provided, a plan developed and preparation is made by the service to receive the client as soon as they are medically stable

 [Inreach Services Service Page](#)

- c** Inpatient non-acute rehabilitation and community reintegration service

delivered in an inpatient setting where the client receives rehabilitation from a specialist multidisciplinary team that also coordinates community based rehabilitation programmes the client can participate in on discharge

 [Inpatient Non-acute Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration Services Service Page](#)

- d** Reassessment service

where the client, their family and whānau attend daystay, outpatient or outreach clinics on a regular basis for a routine review which assists the client to maintain their well-being and local clinicians to build their capability

 [Reassessment Services Service Page](#)

- e** Transition service

where adolescent clients transition from this service to equivalent adult services, eg non-acute specialist spinal cord injury rehabilitation services

 [Transition Services Service Page](#)

3.0 Payment for SPARS

- a** • ACC purchases SPARS, including any SPARS provider travel costs, through a bulk funding arrangement, paid as a programme fee
- In addition to bulk funding, there is a fee payable as a bed day rate for the inpatient non-acute rehabilitation and community reintegration service
 - This means SPARS is available to all referred clients without the need for purchase orders, with the exception of the inpatient non-acute rehabilitation and community reintegration service.

4.0 Reporting requirements

- a** The key worker assigned by SPARS must provide the following reports to us within the appropriate timeframes

 [SPARS - Reporting timeframes.docx](#)