

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

Termination of Pregnancy Referral Information

Please feel free to use this document as a checklist to keep track of your progress. If you face any issues in these steps, please call Children by Choice at 1800 177 725 or email at advocacy@childrenbychoice.org.au

Link for GP verification of referral process: [\(requires login for HealthPathways\)](https://darlingdowns.communityhealthpathways.org/82377.htm)

<u>Steps</u>	<u>Is this done?</u>
<u>LESS THAN 9 WEEKS GESTATION</u>	
If you are under 9 weeks in gestation, you can self-refer to Kobi House, the Sexual Health Service in Toowoomba for a medication termination care Call: 07 46166445	
<u>MORE THAN 9 WEEKS GESTATION</u>	
A GP who is supportive of terminations of pregnancies If you do not have a supportive GP, you can find one here: https://findaservice.childrenbychoice.org.au/	
Referral from GP for blood tests	
Referral from GP for ultrasound scan (Please note that pregnancies are visible in scan only after 5-6 weeks of gestation- if you are below this, you may need to wait to get your scan)	
Bio-psycho-social information to be included in referral, especially around any current medical conditions, delayed presentation, financial circumstances, or any personal safety issues	
Choice of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) included in referral LARC is available free of cost at the time of termination of pregnancy if you choose to have it, but it is not necessary. To explore your options, visit this link: https://www.childrenbychoice.org.au/information-support/contraception/contraception-options/	

GP to make referral for Termination of Pregnancy Request to Toowoomba Hospital

Referral information:

- Include ALL test results and psychosocial information
- Health history, contact information, and medicare information
- Specify inability to access private appointment due to financial constraints
- Fax referral to specialist Outpatient Department (OPD) at 4616 5922 OR via SmartReferral system (<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/innovation/smart-referrals/smart-referrals-overview>)

The GP can refer to the Termination of Pregnancy Information on Health Pathways for more details OR contact the hospital switchboard to be connected to the appropriate person

Once the referral has been received by the hospital, a staff member from the Social Work team will get in touch with you.

Children by Choice has not been given a timeline for this- however, if it has been more than 5 working days since your referral was sent, please reach out to us at advocacy@childrenbychoice.org.au and we may be able to support you in getting a timely response.