

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Termination of Pregnancy Referral Information

**Please note that this HHS ONLY funds the holders of
Healthcare/Concession/Pensioners cards.**

Please feel free to use this document as a checklist to keep track of our progress. If you face any issues in relation to the steps below, please call Children by Choice on 1800 177 725 or email us at

advocacy@childrenbychoice.org.au

Link for GP verification of referral process:

https://www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/our-services/termination-pregnancy_

<u>Steps</u>	<u>Is this done?</u>
Check that you have a current Health Concession Card	
Call Marie Stopes International (MSI) on 1300 003 707 – tell them you need termination of pregnancy care.	
Let them know your Gold Coast suburb and postcode	
It is very important that you tell them you – – Have a concession card – Are unable to afford the cost of a private appointment – Need funding assistance to access abortion care (Funding is not immediately guaranteed and you may still be quoted a cost at this stage. However, that is likely to change once you have been assessed for your eligibility to have your care funded)	
You will be transferred to the funding Team at MSI – immediately or given a time when they will call you back.	

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<p>The MSI Funding team will call to assess your eligibility for funding. They will talk with you about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your income and expenses - Any current financial stress or savings. - Experiences of domestic or family violence which affect your access to money and safety - Other factors which impact your financial capacity 	
<p>Choice of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) LARC insertion is available free of cost at the time of termination of pregnancy if you choose to have it, but it is not necessary. <u>You will need to bring your own device to the appointment.</u> To explore your options, visit this link: https://www.childrenbychoice.org.au/information-support/contraception/contraception-options/</p>	
<p>MSI will call you to let you know the outcome of your funding eligibility assessment (If it has been 5 days since your funding call, or you have not had a funding assessment after 5 days of calling MSI - <u>please reach out to Children by Choice.</u>)</p>	
<p>MSI calls and gives you a booked appointment time.</p>	
<p>Organize to have a support person to be with you at the end of the procedure on the day of your appointment</p>	