

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service Termination of Pregnancy Referral Information

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

Link for GP verification of referral process:

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/widebay/our-services-and-facilities/q-clinic/unplanned-pregnancy>

<u>Steps</u>	<u>Is this done?</u>
Call Marie Stopes International (MSI) on 1300 003 707 and mention that you need a termination of pregnancy	
Let them know your Wide Bay suburb and postcode	
It is very important that you mention that you- - Have a concession card (if applicable) - Are unable to afford the cost of a private appointment - Need funding assistance to access an abortion (Funding is not immediately guaranteed and you may still be quoted a cost here)	
Your request will be transferred to the funding Team at MSI – immediately or at a later date.	
Travel assistance may be available if you are unable or ineligible for a Telehealth appointment- request MSI representative to explore Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme for you.	

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<p>Call with MSI's Funding team to assess eligibility for funding. This conversation will include topics around</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your income and expenses - The surplus amount you may have left over in a period - Experiences of DV or other violence which impacts your financial capacity - Other factors which impact your financial capacity 	
<p>Choice of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)</p> <p>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 calls the client to provide the outcome of funding eligibility assistance</p> <p>(If it has been 5 days since your funding call, or you have not had a funding assessment 5 days after calling MSI- <u>please reach out to Children by Choice.</u>)</p>	
<p>Appointment is booked</p>	