

# Our Commitment to Child Safety

**Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.**

KRHS is committed to promoting an organisational culture of child safety in which children and young people feel valued, respected and listened to. We also embrace diversity, inclusiveness and tolerance at KRHS.

We recognise the importance of keeping all children and young people in our community safe and supported to be safe, happy and empowered.

**KRHS recognises that empowering children and young people enhances their safety. We listen to the views of children and respect what they have to say.**

We base decisions regarding the welfare and protection of children on the best interests of the child.

We are committed to providing an accessible, safe environment that promotes health and wellbeing inclusive of those with different abilities and to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTQA+ young people.

**KRHS is committed to identifying, reducing and removing the risks of child abuse. All allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and consistent with our policies and procedures.**

Every person at KRHS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of children is at the forefront of all they do and the delivery of healthcare.

All of our staff and volunteers must agree to abide by our Code of Conduct which specifies the standards of conduct required when working with children.

**We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We recognise we have an important role to play in educating all children about their rights to safety including supporting their right to be heard, educating them about their responsibilities, supporting and encouraging their right to participate and educating them about ways they can access help if they feel unsafe.**

