

A core component of primary school health services is a universal school entry health assessment (SEHA). During the 2018 school year, 24,456 (96 per cent) of children enrolled in kindergarten received a SEHA.

School health nurses also support children in secondary and education support schools, providing 75,874 occasions of service to secondary students and 47,512 occasions of service to students in education support facilities.

Child Development Service

The Child Development Service (CDS) provides a range of free allied health and developmental paediatric services across metropolitan Perth for children with developmental delay.

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During 2018–19, 26,402 children received services from CDS, representing around five per cent of the zero to 18 year-old population. Children aged three to seven years account for the majority of children seen, in line with the focus on early intervention.

Immunisation

CAHS Community Health provides free vaccinations for zero to four year olds under the Childhood Immunisation Schedule and immunisation services for secondary students under the School Based Immunisation Program. Community Health also plays a key role in vaccination of complex clients, including humanitarian entrants.

During 2018, community health nurses delivered a total of 149,554 vaccinations through the Childhood and School Based Immunisation programs.

Immunisations for zero to four years olds were provided from more than 50 community-based facilities across metropolitan Perth, with 60,518 vaccinations delivered to 18,369 children.

Through the School Based Program, Community Health delivered 89,036 vaccinations to 56,418 children at 161 schools across metropolitan Perth.

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²Some children with complex developmental difficulties are referred to multiple disciplines.