

Extended Community Midwifery Service (ECMS)

Patient information

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What does the service offer?

After discharge from hospital, a midwife can visit you at your home the following day, up until your baby is two (2) weeks old. We offer support and education as guided by you. This includes feeding concerns, general parenting, mother and baby checks or any testing baby requires such as hearing and blood testing. With your consent we can offer referral to other health care professionals.

The service is available Monday to Sunday from 8am to 4pm.

Home Visits and Appointments are between 9am and 3pm.

What services are not provided?

Administration of vaccinations and medications are not offered by ECMS. However, we do support families to self-administer oral Vitamin K as required.

Am I eligible?

If you live within the catchment area, generally 30 minutes or less drive from Toowoomba Hospital, the ECMS will be able to visit. This service is fully funded by Medicare.

Please check with your health insurance provider to ensure cover if you do not have a Medicare card.

Are there options available if I live outside the catchment area?

You are still able to access home visits from our service at a family or friend home who lives in the catchment area.

Alternatively, on weekdays you can attend our clinic in Toowoomba. Please phone 0419 734 083 to make an appointment.

Clinic Appointments are 930-1030am and 230-330pm, Monday to Friday.

Where is the service located?

At the Child and Family Health Community Centre, [298 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba](#)

Is parking available?

Yes, undercover parking is available free of charge. Entry to the carpark is located at the rear of the building in Ann Street

What do I need to prepare for the visit?

Once your referral has been received, a team member will phone you to discuss a home risk assessment, suitable visiting times and number of visits required.

Please have your discharge paperwork and your baby health record book ready for the visit.

Are there any other services I can access?

Yes, you have the option of continued follow-up with a child health nurse for your baby at home or you are welcome to attend the clinic. Please phone 07 4616 6812 to make a suitable appointment time.

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