

Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service

Clinical Leaders Network

SCAN Case Conference

Good interagency communication depends on prompt and accurate sharing of information. The benefits associated with early case conferencing (for children, their carers and professionals) are well recognized. You are strongly encouraged to consider holding a multi-agency case conference whenever a child is admitted to hospital because of suspected child abuse or neglect.

SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) Case conferences allow the three key agencies to cooperatively and collaboratively share information, plan further action and promptly act to ensure that sound decisions are made. When differences of professional opinion occur, this can be documented and strategies implemented to resolve them.

One of the goals of the case conference is to plan for the child's discharge from hospital. This decision should be based on consideration of the child's safety, well being and health. The needs of siblings should also be addressed.

Attached are

- [Flowchart of the SCAN meeting process](#)
- [Patient medical information](#)
- [Agenda SCAN Meeting](#) – a standard format
- [Minutes SCAN Meeting](#)
- Suggested framework for presentation of Medical Information