Continence Support Service

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Grampians Regional Continence Service

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For young people with a disability aged five to 15 years
Who is eligible to use the Continence Support Service?

Children or young adults aged five and 15 years who have a disability (intellectual, psychological, sensory or physical) and have bladder or bowel problems of a permanent nature.

Who can apply?

Families, carers or health professionals can contact the Continence Service in their area and obtain information about the Continence Support Service. A waiting list may apply for access to the subsidy and the Continence Service.

The objectives of the program are:

- To assist families to effectively manage their child’s continence needs through the provision of a comprehensive continence assessment, management plan and provision of continence aids.

- Enhance the independence and quality of life for children and young people with a disability.

- To assist families with their child’s bladder or bowel problems and toileting needs.

What assistance can be provided?

The Continence Support Service has two components:

- Assessment and advice
  - Develop a management plan
  - Organise a referral to other service providers as required
  - Education and support to carers, relatives and other service providers
  - Advice on products
  - Advice on other funding sources

- Financial assistance
  - Following the assessment and acceptance onto the program an annual subsidy will be available to purchase continence aids including disposable nappies or other products which can assist in management

The subsidy is managed by Ballarat Health Services Grampians Regional Continence Service.