The Maternal & Child Health
Key Ages and Stages Update
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Communication

• Website
Conference Presentations
Frequently asked questions
Updates: What’s New

• PASA Program and Service Advisor
Weekly email with MCH updates

Frequently asked questions

• The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are a useful
document to help answer some of the questions you have
relating to the Key Ages and Stages.

• The latest FAQ’s are on the MCH website
Child Health Record

- Review of the Victorian Child Health Record is in progress.
  - This has included a literature review, benchmarking of the CHR in other jurisdictions, both in Australia and overseas and a consultation process with key stakeholders.
- Stakeholders included:
  - MCH nurses completed an online survey and participated in focus groups.
  - Parents including fathers, CALD and Aboriginal communities.
  - Expert child and allied health professionals
- The final draft of the CHR is being finalised.

Raising Children Network

- From January 1st 2011 The Raising Children Network DVD is no longer in the Centrelink packs.
- Commencing February 2011 this DVD will form part of the MCH Home Visit Folder.
- Home Visit Folders will be restated February 2011.
- Extra copies of this DVD will be sent to all LGA’s to be given to the families who did not receive the DVD in January.

Oral Health Folders

- Dental Health Services of Victoria are in the process of final approval of the “Oral Health Information for Maternal and Child Health Nurses” folder.
- There will be one copy of this resource available for each MCH Office in Victoria.
- Communication regarding distribution will be via the PASA email.
Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service (VFPMS)

- The Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service (VFPMS) is a statewide coordinated medical service providing assessment and care for abused, assaulted and neglected children and young people.
- Dr Anne Smith presented at last conference
- Has recommended an E Learning tool
- Vulnerable Children: ‘Health Professionals working together to keep children safe.’
- www.vfpms.org.au

SAFE SLEEPING QUESTION COMPLETED AT OCTOBER 2010 MCH CONFERENCE

Looking back at the last home visit you completed.

Name one recommendation you made to the family following completion of the Safe Sleeping Checklist.

The MCH Safe Sleeping Checklist

An international body of evidence has identified three key risk factors that are associated with an increased risk of SIDS and SUDI that are potentially modifiable.

These are:
- Infant sleeping position
- High risk bedding arrangements
- Exposure to tobacco smoke during pregnancy and after birth

These modifiable risks are identified in the MCH Safe Sleeping Checklist
The three key modifiable risks

The 277 responses

In Summary

- 91% responses identified a modifiable risk

- Of the 251 modifiable risks
  87% were related to the sleeping environment
  (Extras in cot/bassinette, Mattress, Position of cot, recommend using cot, overheating, remove hat)

- 9% were related to sleeping position (moving off prone and side)

- 4% were related to smoking

- 4 of the 277 responses indicated that there were no recommendations to make (1.4%)
Thankyou

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