

NSSNO Fact Sheet

SBH Queensland receives government funding to support the educational opportunities, learning outcomes and personal development of children with spina bifida and /or hydrocephalus and related conditions.

Organisations are funded under 3-year agreements for the funding categories (1) school support services and (2) resource centre services

The current 3-year agreement period for SDSS funding is 2017–2020.

Student eligibility

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a Queensland school and be registered with SBH Queensland.

Program Objectives

SBH Queensland is committed to supporting schools to provide reasonable adjustments for students with disability to access and participate in education through:

- Identification of barriers to access, participation and achievement;
- The provision of supports to enhance student attendance, participation and achievement in schooling.

SBH Queensland aims to support **inclusive educational practices** for students with Spina Bifida or similar conditions and provides Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Social Work and Education Advice.

SBH Queensland provides the following services:

- Provision of resources to schools
- Provision of professional development for school staff
- Individual therapy sessions for issues directly related to inclusion in school activities and performance at school
- Case discussions with teachers and support staff involving problem solving and strategies for improving inclusion and broadening opportunities
- Input to student support plans

Access to NSSNO Service through SBH Queensland

We value the support of our families in advocating for SBH Queensland support in schools.

For your child to be eligible for this service, SBH Queensland requires a referral from your child's school. This funding is available to all children registered with SBH Queensland who are enrolled in a Queensland school. This funding provides support to **all students** with varying levels of disability.

This referral must come from either your child's principal, teacher or guidance officer. If you would like SBH Queensland support under this funding, please contact your school and encourage them to make a referral to our service. The principal must approve the commencement of any service provision to your child at their school. For your child to be eligible for this service, SBH Queensland requires the "*School Support Request Form*" to be completed (available through your child's school).

Please request your child's school to complete the "*School Support Request Form – Section A*" if they haven't already done so. The school will require you to provide consent as part of this form. These request forms need to be renewed annually, generally at the beginning of the school year. SBH Queensland cannot provide services at school until the school referral is received as per our Education and Therapy Services – School Visits policy, and the requirements outlined by Education Queensland for the NSSNO Program.

We understand the value in having a holistic approach in providing support to your child. At SBH Queensland we believe it is important to build strong relationships with all stakeholders involved with your child. By working together, your child can grow, learn and achieve.