

How to contact us

Social workers are available
from 8.30am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday.

St Vincent's Hospital and Caritas Christi in Fitzroy

Tel: 9288 3436

Caritas Christi Hospice Kew

Tel: 9853 2344

St George's Health Service Kew

Tel: 9816 0444

Social Work Service

Information for patients

This brochure provides information on the social work services available to patients at St Vincent's Hospital, Caritas Christi Hospice and St George's Health Service.

Someone to talk to

Admission to hospital may cause disruption in your life, bringing change and feelings of anxiety and uncertainty. Patients and their families can discuss concerns with a social worker, to help maintain or regain a feeling of control.

What do social workers do?

Social workers assist when you come to St Vincent's. Perhaps you have had an accident or you are suffering from an illness. We understand that these events can have an impact on your life. You may feel sad or anxious. Maybe you are worried about the impact on your family or how you might manage when you go home.

We aim to help you deal with these problems by working with you, your family, nurses, doctors and other health carers. If you are worried about anything while you are in hospital, or even before you arrive, you can contact the social workers to talk through your concerns.

Discharge planning

If there is a change to the level of care you require, social workers can work together with your health care team, you and your family to come up with a plan to help prepare for when you leave hospital. This is called a discharge plan and often includes community carers who can see you in your home.

Aboriginal Health

If you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander and would like to make contact with our Aboriginal Hospital Liaison workers, call social work reception on 9288 3436.

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