

Community Care and Support Options

Blue Care offers a variety of community based services to people in need throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. Community services aim to maximise individual's independence and enhance quality of life.

Our staff who provide this broad range of community care services include generalist and specialist nurses (Blue Nurses), allied health professionals, personal care and respite staff, pastoral care and counselling staff and volunteers. Specific support services provided by our team include:

- Chronic disease management
- Comprehensive assessments
- Continence advisory support
- Client /carer education
- Dementia management and care
- Diabetes management
- Dietetics and nutrition
- Health promotion activities
- Medication management
- Music therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Pain management
- Palliative care and support
- Personal care
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Post acute care
- Rehabilitation services
- Respite (in-home and centre-based)
- Social work
- Speech pathology
- Social support
- Stomal therapy
- Wound management

Our staff and volunteers work in partnership with General Practitioners, hospitals, other community and social service providers and government bodies.

Accessing our care and support

Our services take into account each person's needs and circumstances. Staff at local Blue Care centres will help with information specific to care and support needs. Local centres can be found by visiting our website at www.bluecare.org.au or by telephoning Head Office.

Some services require a written referral from a General Practitioner or assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) member. Details for the closest ACAT is available from Commonwealth Carelink on 1800 052 222.

What to expect to pay

Our services are subsidised by the Australian and State Governments which do not meet our full operating costs.

We may ask clients to make a contribution towards the cost of their care and to help cover the cost of medical supplies or equipment hire. Any costs are discussed upon enquiry or admission to the service. No one is excluded from receiving a service due to financial hardship.

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