

Empowering families to improve asthma care for children across Melbourne's north and west

Making a difference for children with asthma through more consistent care

Asthma is the most common long-term condition among Australian children and a common reason for emergency care. In Melbourne's north and west, more than 15,000 children have asthma. Many hospital stays can be prevented, but disadvantage can make it harder for families to get the right care and support.

Safer Care Victoria partnered with consumers and health services to develop the 'MAGIC' model and a toolkit to help children with asthma to stay well and stay out of hospital.



Helping kids breathe easier



Eight health services in Melbourne's north and west improved asthma care and reduced hospital visits.

Spreading the MAGIC

The project partnered with consumers and clinicians to develop the 'MAGIC' model to make asthma care more consistent and easier to understand.

- M** Medication provision
- A** Asthma action plan
- G** GP integration
- I** Inhaler and spacer technique
- C** Community asthma program



What changed as a result of the project



Clearer asthma communication



Faster communication with GPs



More children linked to community asthma programs



Better prescribing of preventer medicine

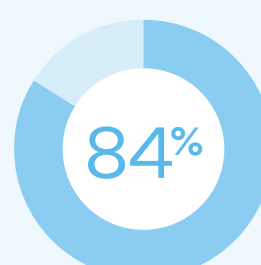


ICAM toolkit developed to help more health services to improve asthma care

Outcomes



651 children received improved asthma medications for better control at home.



84% of children and carers received inhaler education with teach-back which increased from 39%.

Impact



Helping children with asthma stay well and out of hospital



Making asthma information easy to understand



Providing staff with simple, practical resources



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