



Occasionally, General Practitioners will receive a request for information about children who are having a Gateway Assessment. Gateway Assessments include a comprehensive health and education assessment. It is a collaboration of Ministry of Health (MOH), BOPDHB, Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki (MVCOT), Ministry of Education (MOE) and Non-Government Organisation's (NGO's).

The Gateway assessment is undertaken by BOPDHB Paediatricians at Tauranga and Whakatane Hospitals. The aim is to pull together information from all health and education professionals involved with the tamariki/child/children/young people. The information is used to complete a comprehensive report and formulate recommendations to address any health and education needs of the child. These recommendations guide the development of the Oranga Tamariki care plan.

The BOPDHB coordinator sends the request to the GP for the information. We would really appreciate the form being completed as best you can to help with the assessment. If the child is not a patient of yours please can you let us know. The information we receive from GP's is very helpful and we have really appreciated and noticed how quick we are getting feedback lately.

Gateway is a multidisciplinary response so accordingly, there are always several agencies involved with the Tamariki/child/children/young people. When each agency contributes this helps to ensure the best outcomes possible to assist the Oranga Tamariki Social Worker working with the whanau/family. The GP receives a copy of the full report from the BOPDHB Gateway Coordinator.

If we can help to explain this process any further please call.

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