# Ed-LinQ Program

Ed-LinQ is a specialist program within Child & Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) established to improve linkages and service integration between the Education, Primary Care, Community and Mental Health Services to support the early detection and collaborative care of school aged children and young people at risk of or experiencing mental health difficulties.

## **Key Focus Areas**

### **Fostering Strategic Partnerships**

Ed-LinQ Coordinators facilitate partnerships and a shared understanding between health, education, primary care and community stakeholders on ways to work together for early intervention of mental health problems in school aged children and young people.

#### **Enhancing Capacity**

Ed-LinQ Coordinators provide actions that increase the knowledge, skills and understanding of stakeholders regarding mental health problems and mental illness in children and young people and in relation to working collaboratively for better outcomes.



## Provision of School-based Consultation Liaison

Ed-LinQ Coordinators facilitate early access to mental health advice and, where warranted, timely assessment and collaborative care of those with more intensive needs.

#### Who can make a referral to Ed-LinQ?

- Child and Youth Mental Health clinicians
- School staff (Principal, Guidance staff, Mental Health Coaches, Teachers) from all education sectors
- School Based Youth Health Nurses
- Non-Government Service Providers
- Primary Care Providers (GP's)
- Private Clinical Providers (ATAPS clinicians, private practitioners).

#### Referral and contact details

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# If you require urgent assistance after hours, please contact:

- 1300 MHCALL (1300 64 2255)
- Your local Emergency Department
- Your General Practitioner

