

# Statement of Standards

[Child Protection Act 1999 \(section 122\)](#)

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- 1) The chief executive must take reasonable steps to ensure a child placed in care under section 82(1) is cared for in a way that meets the following standards (the **statement of standards**)—
  - a) the child’s dignity and rights will be respected at all times;
  - b) the child’s needs for physical care will be met, including adequate food, clothing and shelter;
  - c) the child will receive emotional care that allows him or her to experience being cared about and valued and that contributes to the child’s positive self-regard;
  - d) the child’s needs relating to his or her culture and ethnic grouping will be met;
  - e) the child’s material needs relating to his or her schooling, physical and mental stimulation, recreation and general living will be met;
  - f) the child will receive education, training, or employment opportunities relevant to the child’s age and ability;
  - g) the child will receive positive guidance when necessary to help him or her to change inappropriate behaviour;
  - h) the child will receive dental, medical, and therapeutic services necessary to meet his or her needs;
  - i) the child will be given the opportunity to participate in positive social and recreational activities appropriate to his or her developmental level and age;
  - j) the child will be encouraged to maintain family and other significant personal relationships;
  - k) if the child has a disability—the child will receive care and help appropriate to the child’s special needs;
- 2) For subsection (1)(g), techniques for managing the child’s behaviour must not include corporal punishment or punishment that humiliates, frightens, or threatens the child in a way that is likely to cause emotional harm.
- 3) For subsection (1)(j), if the chief executive has custody or guardianship of the child, the child’s carer must act in accordance with the chief executive’s reasonable directions.
- 4) The application of the standards to the child’s care must take into account what is reasonable having regard to—
  - a) the length of time the child is in the care of the carer or care service; and
  - b) the child’s age and development.