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**Health and Medical Consent – Policy and Procedure**

**GenYZ Mentoring**

**Purpose**

## The intention of this policy is to describe how we ensure an appropriate response to any health concern, such as an allergy or special medical requirement, in the case of illness, accident or injury during any program activity.

**Policy**

## GenYZ is committed to ensuring an appropriate response should illness, accident or injury befall any program participant while engaged in GenYZ activities.

Any person under 18 years must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to participate in the program and any related activities.

Consent includes:

* permission for GenYZ staff and volunteers to transport the young person to program activities
* authorisation for GenYZ staff and volunteers to obtain appropriate emergency medical attention for the young person if required, and when the parent or guardian cannot be contacted.

**Procedure**

1. The program will maintain an up-to-date register of parents’ and guardians’ contact details in order to get consent for any emergency treatment a young person might require in the case of illness, accident or injury while involved in program activities.
2. The program will gather relevant and specific information about each young person’s health in order to seek appropriate emergency medical attention, as specified above.
3. The program will gather only such health information as is required to ensure someone’s health and safety and no more.
4. Health information about any and all program participants will remain strictly confidential and kept in a secure place.
5. Relevant information may be made known to those people involved in the program who should know such information. For example, it is appropriate that a mentor matched with a young person knows that they are allergic to peanuts and has an auto-injection device with them at all times.