

# Exchanging Information

Information can only be exchanged between prescribed bodies as set out in the law at *S248 Provision and Exchange of Information*. Information is exchanged between agencies in relation to assisting the wellbeing, safety and welfare of children and manage risk. The prescribed bodies are;

- the NSW Police Force, a Public Service agency or a public authority, or
- a government school or a registered non-government school, or
- a TAFE establishment within the meaning of the Technical and Further Education Commission Act 1990, or
- a public health organisation within the meaning of the Health Services Act 1997, or
- a private health facility within the meaning of the Private Health Facilities Act 2007, or
- any other body or class of bodies (including an unincorporated body or bodies) prescribed by the regulations

When sharing information with prescribed bodies according to Chapter 16a Exchange of information and co-ordination of services as a mandatory reporter you need to;

- Be confidential with information and shared according to *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*
- Work with other agencies and respect each other's functions and expertise
- Child or young persons safety, welfare and wellbeing is paramount
- Only share information relevant to the child's safety, wellbeing and welfare
- As a part of 16a the reporters details can't be shared without their permission except in case of investigation of a serious alleged offence.

