

Mental Health Programs

Paediatric Symptom Checklist - 17 (PSC -17)

Childs name	
Child's date of birth	
Form completed by	
Relationship to child	
Date completed	

Checklist

Use checklist to identify and assess changes in emotional and behavioural problems in children.
 Add up the total of each column. Scoring *Never*, *Sometimes* and *Often* as scored 0, 1 or 2 respectively.
A score of 15 or more suggests a need for assessment by a mental health professional.

Contact [SWSPHN Central Intake](#) for referral options.

Phone 1300 797 746 (1300 SWSPHN). Submit referrals to **HealthLink**: swsphnmh or **fax**: 02 4623 1796.

Feeling	Never 0	Sometimes 1	Often 2
Feels sad, unhappy			
Feels hopeless			
Is down on self			
Worries a lot			
Seem to be having less fun			
Fidgety, unable to sit still			
Daydreams too much			
Distracted easily			
Has trouble concentrating			
Acts as if driven by a motor			
Fights with other children			
Does not listen to rules			
Does not understand other people's feelings			
Teases others			
Blames others for his/her troubles			
Refuses to share			
Takes things that do not belong to him/her			
Sub-total			
TOTAL			



Developer Reference: Gardner, W., Murphy, M., Childs, G., Kelleher, K., & Sturner, R. (1999). The PSC-17: a brief Paediatric Symptom Checklist with psychosocial problem subscales. A report from PROS and ASPN. *Ambulatory Child Health*, 5(3), 225–236.
 Adapted from the [Paediatric Symptom Checklist developed by the Massachusetts General Hospital 1988](#)