

## Looking at Children's Health Needs

### 1. Children born healthy

- a) who continue to be healthy except for minor self limiting illness
- b). and develop illness or sustain injury requiring short term health support, from which they make a total recovery
- c). healthy who develop an acute illness or sustain injury from which they make only partial recovery and require lifelong low level health care support this category includes mental health disorders
- d) who develop acute illness or sustain injury which leaves them moderately or severely disabled with lifelong high level healthcare needs  
this category includes mental health disorders
- e) children who are physically healthy but are then diagnosed when of school age with learning disability and may then progress to long term health needs

### 2. Children born too early or too small or both but relatively healthy

- a) normal development and adult health rare, most have low level needs
- b) medium level persistent health needs
- c) lifelong needs, disabilities

### 3. Children born too early or too small with early serious illness, or at term with congenital illness or disability, or damaged by prenatal or intrapartum events

- a) mild
- b) moderate
- c) severe

Routine care

Emergency and acute care

Ongoing care of children with disabilities

Urgent care centre

With reference to mental health, child protection