

Health Service Use

Child maltreatment is associated with a **significant increase** in health service use.

1.4 x

more likely to have had an overnight **hospital admission**

2.4 x

more likely to have been admitted for a **mental disorder**

2.7 x

more likely to have consulted with a **mental health nurse**

2.4 x

more likely to have 6 or more **visits to a GP**

2.4 x

more likely to have seen a **psychologist**

3.0 x

more likely to have seen a **psychiatrist**

People who have experienced child maltreatment are more likely to have engaged with

all health service professionals assessed.



3+
types

Experiencing 3 or more types of maltreatment is associated with the **greatest impact** on health service utilisation.

This health service use appears to be **driven by mental health impacts.** Child maltreatment was not related to increased past year hospitalisations for physical health during the past year.



Pacella R, et al. (2023). Child maltreatment and health service utilisation: findings from the Australian Child Maltreatment Study. *Med J Aust.* 218 (6).

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