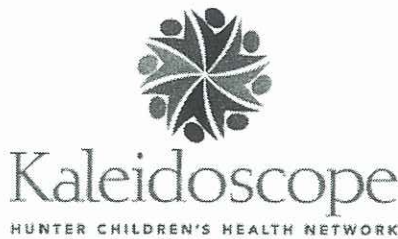


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Case Study:

Kate is a 5year old girl who was walking across the road with her mother and young brother when she was hit by a car. She was hospitalised for three weeks. Kate's injuries involved a significant weakness on her right side, resulting in difficulty walking and requiring a lot more assistance from her mother. Kate also experienced difficulties with concentration, memory and speech.

Kate was eligible for the Lifetime Care & Support scheme based on her WEEFIM score highlighted by her physical disability. She was also eligible for CTP insurance. Lifetime Care was able to visit Kate's mother and discuss the scheme, its role and provide support for the Case Manager.

Lifetime Care provided services for Kate's mother and brother who required counselling and support due to this traumatic event. This was valuable support that was needed in the early phase of Kate's recovery. This may not have always been provided through previous CTP rehabilitation plans as it did not directly involve Kate.

Kate is an interim participant and while she is making a very good recovery with her physical difficulties her "invisible" difficulties such as with learning, concentration and communication were still evident. When Kate is reviewed for eligibility to Lifetime Care & Support there is some concern that the WEEFIM may not be sensitive enough to identify these subtle difficulties, which will impact greatly on her learning and school success in the future. Kate will be able to access support through CTP after this acute period of recovery.

Kate received aide funding at preschool however school staff required additional support with completing the Education Support Request due to different philosophies regarding goal setting between education and rehabilitation services. This created minor delays.

Kate's mother's feedback has been very positive and she feels well supported and informed and feels comfortable to liaise with either the case manager or Lifetime Care & Support Co-ordinator.