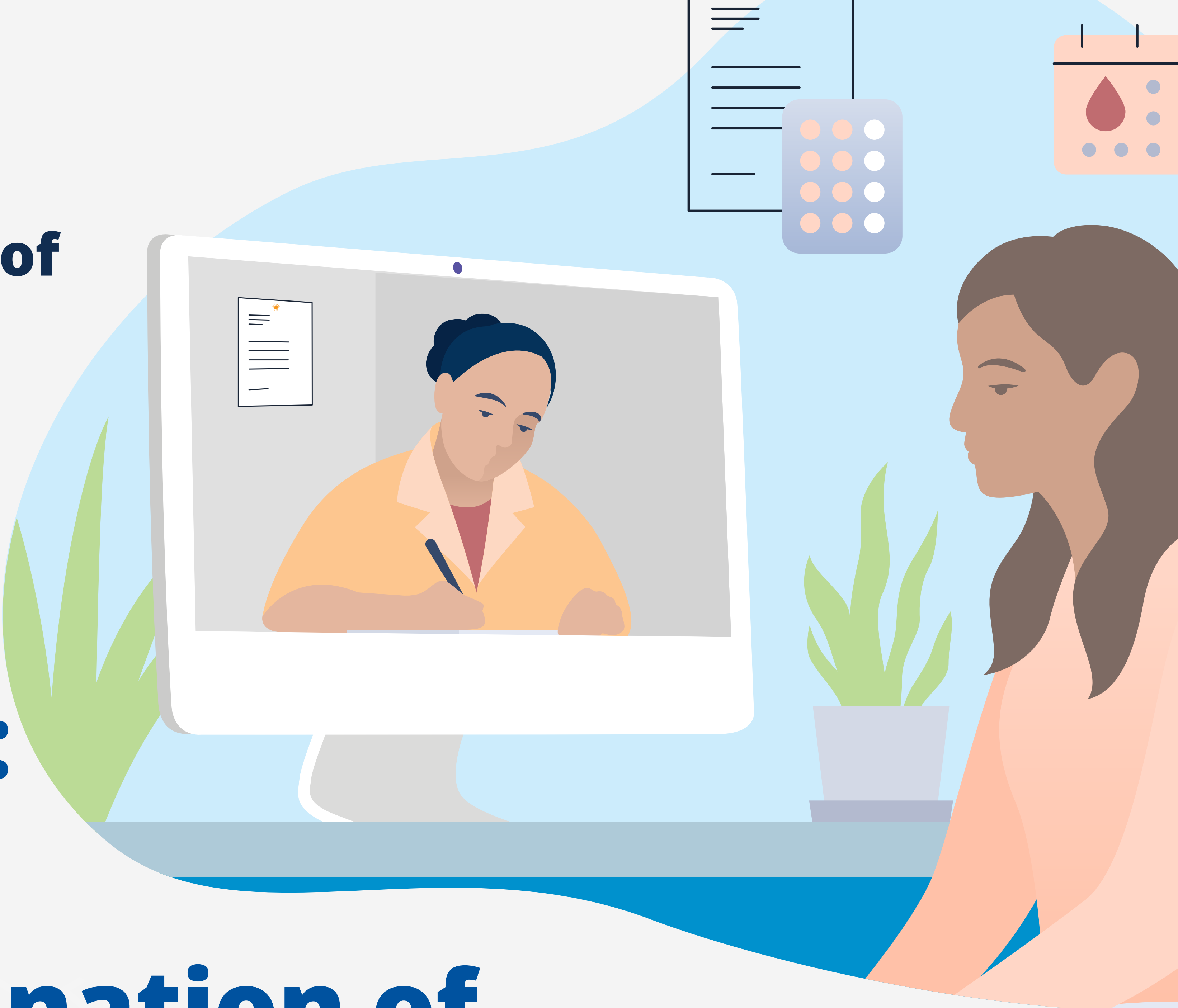


Virtual Early Medical Termination of Pregnancy Service (QVEMToPS)

Overcoming the “postcode lottery” through telehealth: Queensland Virtual Early Medical Termination of Pregnancy Service (QVEMToPS) in action



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The Queensland Virtual Early Medical Termination of Pregnancy Service (QVEMToPS) was established to address healthcare inequity for abortion care in Queensland, with a particular focus on priority populations and the “postcode lottery”.

QVEMToPS provides virtual care to Queenslanders seeking an early medical termination. The termination process involves using a combination of medications to end a pregnancy.

QVEMToPS is a public outpatient service hosted by Sunshine Coast Health as part of the Queensland Virtual Hospital.

The service commenced 8 April 2025.

Referral	Online self-referral 13HEALTH self-referral Online referral by a healthcare practitioner
Triage	Determine eligibility for no-scan medication termination Planning and safety
Consultation	Information and consent Personalised care for wellbeing, safety, cultural and spiritual needs
Prescription	Via community pharmacy QR code or Queensland Health MS-2 Step and pain and nausea relief
Follow-up	Check for complications Blood or urine tests (for eligible clients)

Supporting priority populations

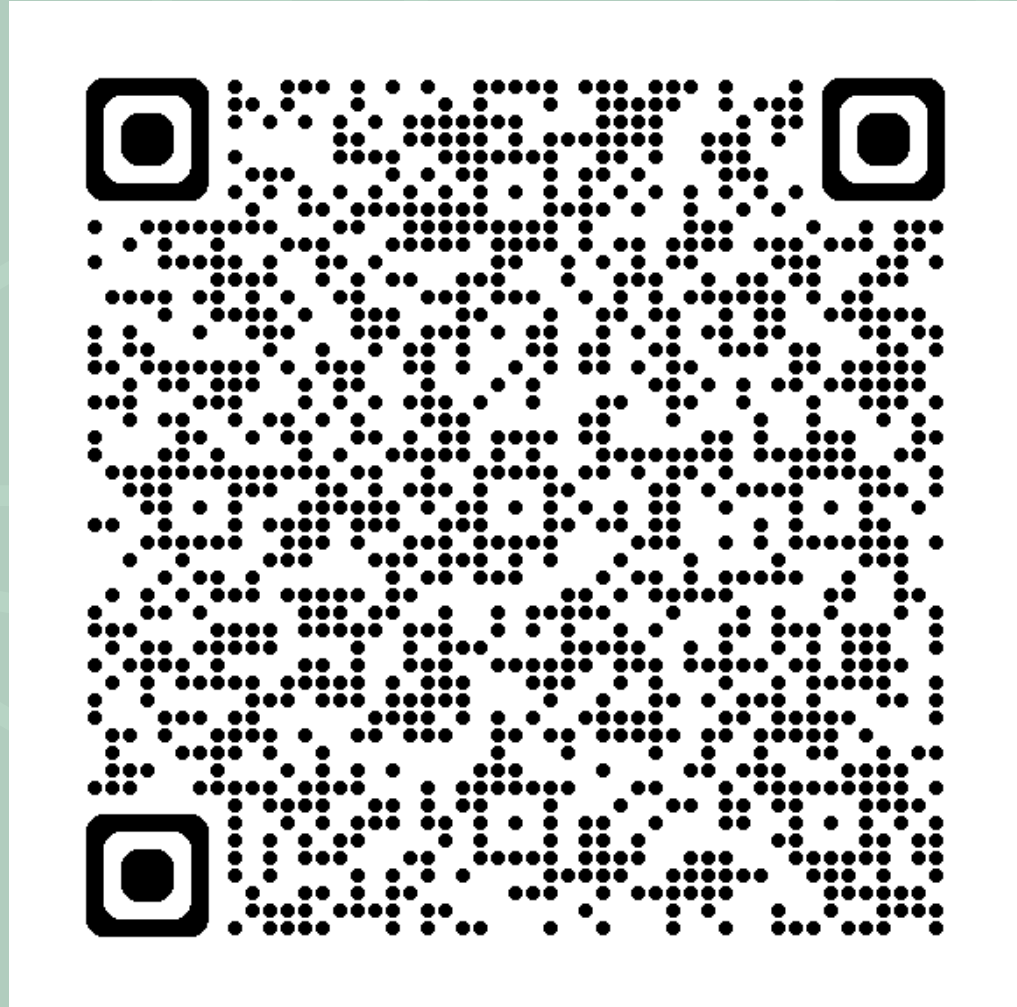
- ✓ Virtual Care
- ✓ Low/no-cost options
- ✓ Private – all communication comes from Queensland Virtual Hospital or Queensland Health (de-identifying QVEMToPS)
- ✓ Collaboration with Children by Choice for counselling, advocacy, and financial support
- ✓ Female practitioners if requested
- ✓ Interpreters
- ✓ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker support
- ✓ Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) eligible

Achieving our aim

- 36% identified financial hardship
- 8% Medicare-ineligible
- 11% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 4% identified family violence or feeling unsafe

The service

- 954 referrals
 - 715 self-referred clients
 - 52 clients referred by a healthcare practitioner
 - 187 referrals from Queensland’s Health Contact Centre (unpublished data to 23 Aug 2025)



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