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| Name of Service | AGED CARE ASSESSMENT TEAM (ACAT) |
| Address | 126 Kareena Road |
| City | MIRANDA |
| State | NSW |
| Postal Code | 2228 |
| Work Phone | (02) 9540 7540 or (02) 9540 7175 |
| Fax Number (Referrals) | (02) 9540 7869 |
| Description of Service | <p>The Sutherland ACAT is a multidisciplinary team of health professionals, who comprehensively assess the care and support needs of frail older people and facilitate access to available care services appropriate to their long term care needs. ACATs role includes determining eligibility for some Commonwealth subsidised aged care services, including Residential Aged Care, Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) and Flexible Care i.e. Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Transitional Care. The ACAT Social Workers provide consultation and intervention re complex issues such as dementia care, suspected cases of abuse of older persons, guardianship and financial management issues.</p> <p>The Aged Care Information and Liaison Service (ACILS) operates within the Sutherland ACAT. This service maintains a central waiting list of Sutherland Shire residents assessed as needing High level Residential Aged Care, urgent Low Level Care or CACPs and EACH packages of care. ACILS also provides access to up to date information on the Residential Aged Care Facilities to prospective residents, carers and health professionals.</p> |
| Who to refer? | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A frail older person who wants to remain at home with support or who is considering living in a Residential Aged Care Facility.2. A person requiring dementia specific services.3. Younger people with disabilities are eligible for assessment for aged care services in some circumstances |
| How to refer? | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Phone or2. Fax a Southcare referral form |
| Referral criteria | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Residents of the Sutherland Shire (or residing with)2. Frail older persons requiring assistance3. People with dementia requiring assistance4. Younger people with disabilities eligible for ACAT assessment |
| Is there a waiting list? | Yes |
| Waiting list details | Urgent referrals are seen within 48 hours. There is a waiting list for non urgent referrals. All referrals are prioritised according to risk / need. |
| Hours/days of operation | Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4:30pm |
| Approx costs? | Nil |