



Expression of Interest for Membership on the Clinical Reference Group for the Paediatric Society of New Zealand Child Protection Clinical Network

Introduction

The Child Protection Clinical Network (CPCN) was established late 2010 as a CN within the Paediatric Society of New Zealand's (PSNZ) [New Zealand Child and Youth Clinical Network Programme](#) (NZCYCN). The CPCN provides leadership within health to ensure best outcomes for victims of intimate partner violence (IPV), and infants, children and youth at risk of child abuse and or neglect (CAN) in Aotearoa New Zealand. The CPCN is a multi-disciplinary national network providing a forum to support health care professionals working across community, primary, secondary and tertiary services who have a clinical or research interest in child protection, including all forms of IPV and CAN.

The CPCN Clinical Reference Group (CRG) is the governance group for the CPCN and is representative of all regions, disciplines and ethnicities in this workforce. The CRG meets face to face once a year, organizes an annual study day (usually the day prior to the PSNZ Annual Scientific Meeting in November), and contributes to national IPV and CAN policies and resources in partnership with relevant ministries and stakeholders.

The CPCN CRG notes the [Waitangi Tribunal's WAI2575 report](#), in particular the updated Treaty principles (p27-36) of partnership, active protection, equity and options. The CRG wishes to explore these principles and are particularly interested in recruiting Māori clinicians who would like to contribute to clinically and culturally safe IPV and CAN practice in Aotearoa New Zealand. The PSNZ Child Protection Clinical Reference Group therefore invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for new members to join the CRG to provide leadership for the clinical management of IPV and CAN through the clinical network.

Membership and responsibilities

The CRG currently has 10 members and a Project Coordinator and we are seeking additional members. In particular, we are seeking Māori members to join the CRG to help us on our journey to co-governance of the network, and developing culturally and clinically safe practice in IPV and CAN in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Experience and competencies

Successful applicants will demonstrate:

- Substantial clinical experience in intimate partner violence, child protection, abuse and neglect service development
- Commitment to a culturally safe, multidisciplinary and multi-agency team approach to provision of care for children and youth who experience neglect, abuse and victims of intimate partner violence
- Connection to a network of subspecialty, multi-agency professionals who work in this sector
- Willingness to take leadership of a workstream related to their area of expertise.

It is envisaged that annually there will be a minimum of one (1) face-to-face meeting and up to four (4) Zoom conference calls a year. We are particularly seeking clinicians who whakapapa as Māori. We are keen to have a geographical distribution so would welcome EOIs from kaimahi working in the South Island.

“Tamariki in Aotearoa flourish in health and wellness”

The Terms of Reference for the CRG can be obtained from the email address below. To be considered for membership of the CRG, please provide a brief resume in support of your application.

Timeline

Please address your expression of interest to: Expression of Interest for CRG membership in the Paediatric Society of New Zealand Child Protection Clinical Network, via email to Kat Kirchmann, NZCYCN Support Administrator: kat.kirchmann@paediatrics.org.nz

Please tell us why you would like to join the CRG and include a brief curriculum vitae.

Applications close: Friday 12 April 2024, at 5pm.