

## LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### WELCOME!

Kia ora, we're excited to bring you the first edition of the [Child Protection Network](#) Highlights - a space to share updates, key initiatives, and important work happening across the motu. This newsletter aims to make our work more visible, strengthen connections and keep you informed. We welcome your insights and contributions as we strengthen child protection across Aotearoa.

## STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION IN HEALTH NZ

Health NZ Te Whatu Ora has established a Child Protection Clinical Governance Group (CGG) to strengthen and coordinate child protection efforts within Health NZ and in partnership with other ministries.

The CGG includes PSNZ Child Protection CRG members Patrick Kelly, Miranda Ritchie, Leanne Franklin, and Heather Muriwai, with Russell Wills serving as Chair. Senior Health NZ executives are actively involved, including:

- Dame Helen Stokes Lampard – National Chief Medical Officer
- Nadine Gray – Chief Nursing Officer
- Leanne Fisher – National Chief Mental Health & Addiction
- Nicolette Dickson – Chief Social Worker, Oranga Tamariki
- Senior Māori and Pacific leaders, policy advisors, and managers

### Key Focus Areas

The CGG is currently working on:

- Developing a Child Protection Policy for Health NZ
- Health NZ joining the Child Protection Protocol with Police & Oranga Tamariki
- Enhancing information sharing in child protection
- Improving the model of care in Oranga Tamariki residences

With just two meetings so far, it's clear that priorities across organisations and between policy and clinical leaders are well aligned. Expect to see opportunities for clinical engagement in many of these workstreams—we'll be reaching out for your input!

Stay tuned for updates as this important work progresses.

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