

## NCPHISS UPDATE

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM

For the last three years, a national multi-disciplinary Clinical Advisory Group has been conducting a detailed review of the policy, procedures and infrastructure of the National Child Protection Alert System (NCPAS).

The aim was to ensure that the NCPAS remained fit for purpose, supporting a high and consistent standard of practice by health professionals nationwide, and ultimately supporting better outcomes for children and families. Due to the demands on everyone's time, this has taken longer than anticipated, but we are delighted to announce that this work is now nearing completion. More detailed information will follow, but some key achievements to date are listed below:

- **Renaming the system.** The name will change to the National Child Protection Health Information Sharing System (NCPHISS). The reason for this change is to reduce any possible risk of stigmatisation from misunderstanding of the word "alert," and to more accurately reflect the purpose of the system. The plan is to formally launch the new name at the Child Protection Satellite Day before the upcoming Paediatric Society Annual Scientific Meeting in November.
- **A new Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA).** The last PIA was conducted in 2010, at the beginning of national implementation of the NCPAS. It was important to review the established national system in detail once again, to ensure continued compliance with all aspects of the Privacy Act and the Health Information Privacy Code.
- **Learning from national research into the NCPAS.** One key finding of this research was variability in the practice of NCPAS multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) across the motu, in large part due to frequent staff changes, different understandings of the NCPAS, and a lack of standardised training for health professionals appointed to NCPAS MDT. We have now created a standardised training manual for MDT members, which is currently being turned into an interactive training package.
- **All NCPHISS policies and procedures have been extensively revised and updated.**

There is still plenty to do. For example, the issue of how and when the scope of the NCPHISS is expanded to include primary care, and the training and resources required to do that well, is a key issue to be addressed going forward.

My thanks to all the members of the Clinical Advisory Group, and especially to Miranda Ritchie for her extraordinary hard work, skill and dedication in driving this work forward.

Patrick Kelly  
Chair, NCPHISS Clinical Advisory Group

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## CHILD PROTECTION

# Satellite Day 2025

*Connection,  
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4 November 25

**7:30AM - 5:00PM**



Due Drop Events Centre,  
Manukau, Auckland

This year's Satellite Day is jointly hosted by the Child Protection and Neurodevelopment Clinical Networks — get ready for a full day that pulses with energy, culture, innovation, and meaningful connection.

### **Morning**

We open with powerful Pacific and Māori voices — sessions that centre culture, identity, and community, and set a strong foundation for everything that follows.

### **Afternoon**

You'll have your pick of two parallel streams, one run by each of the networks. We also have Ministry officials involved - giving you the chance to be part of the discussion with those shaping policy and system change.

This isn't just another meeting. It's a day to be inspired, to challenge our thinking, and to walk away with real ideas, new connections, and momentum. We can't wait to see you there.

**[Check out the full programme here](#) and [register here](#).**

### **MORE INFO & CONTACT**

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