



The Paediatric Society of New Zealand
Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa



Neurodevelopment Clinical Network

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People: Nga Tāngata



The monthly Lunch and Learn educational sessions have been very successful this year. The sessions are well attended and there has been some great discussions during the presentations as well as during the knowledge translation sessions.

The October session focused on the Occupational Performance Coaching (OPC) and presented the impact on on social participation, health and wellbeing, for caregivers of children with neuro-disability.

Our last session of the year will be on November 11. This is a knowledge translation session and attendees will have an opportunity to discuss how we can best utilise the OPC in practice!



Partnerships and Connectiveness

Earlier this year the Neurodevelopment Clinical Network was invited to contribute to the national FASD strategy review. This strategy has now been published - you can access it [here](#).



Sustainability

The Down Syndrome Guidance is nearing publication. In addition, the workstream has been working on a resource for caregivers which will be published on KidsHealth website



Improving Practice

We have started a project aiming to create agreed guidelines for children with untestable Intellectual Disability. The current practice regarding these assessments and referrals are variable across the country. The first aim of the project is to create a clear guideline for health professionals across the country regarding the assessment. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Kati (email below).

MORE INFO & CONTACT:

For more information about the NZCYCN Neurodevelopment Clinical Network please [visit our webpage](#) or get in touch by email to neurodevelopment@paediatrics.org.nz