



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



Neurodevelopment Clinical Network

Updates December 2025

Partnerships and Connectiveness



In November, we facilitated a satellite day alongside the PSNZ conference. The day was organised with the Child Protection Clinical Network and the New Zealand Child and Youth Epidemiology Service. We enjoyed a series of engaging presentations and rich discussions. Highlights included new data on neurodevelopmental conditions, an update from NASCA, and updates from Health New Zealand and Oranga Tamariki.

In addition to the satellite day, the network hosted a breakfast meeting during the conference. The meeting was well attended, with over 50 registrants representing a broad mix of health professions and locations across the motu. It provided a valuable opportunity to discuss current projects and hear ideas for the network to consider and potentially progress for 2026 and beyond.



Sustainability

Our network has recently made two submissions. The first one was a response to add the Disability strategy ([access here](#)). Overall, we support the strategy but highlighted several gaps where we are seeking further detail.

We also made a submission to support the proposed changes to ADHD medication ([access here](#)).



Improving Practice

Down Syndrome resources have recently been published on the KidsHealth and Starship websites. These resources are a joint project developed together with the Down Syndrome workstream, a lived-experience expert, and the KidsHealth and Starship website teams. The KidsHealth resource is aimed at caregivers and contains useful information about Down Syndrome, along with practical guidance on how to best support a person with Down Syndrome. Access the resource [here](#). The [Starship resource](#) replaces a 25-year-old guideline with updated information for health professionals. The first six documents are now live, with the remaining documents planned for publication in early 2026.

MORE INFO & CONTACT:

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