

General Paediatric Clinical Network

News



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Year 1 *Update*

Our first year as a new Network is complete, and what a start it has been.

The General Paediatric Clinical Network has been established as a national collaborative for paediatric healthcare in Aotearoa. The Network* brings together clinicians and stakeholders to strengthen high-quality, holistic care for mokopuna and their whānau.

This work recognises the central role General Paediatrics plays in coordinating acute and non-acute care, managing chronic conditions, and connecting services across hospital, community, and specialist settings. It also reflects the wider integrative role of General Paediatrics across health and social sectors, supporting continuity of care, equity, cultural responsiveness, and improved access across the full child health continuum.

Building the *Network*

We have established a strong reference group and held our first face-to-face hui, marking an important step in building shared direction and connection across the Network. From this, we have prioritised our first three workstreams.

Workstream *progress*

Our first workstream is now underway, focused on improving the effective use of limited specialist resources and developing a clearer national understanding of ADHD/Aroreretini services for mokopuna across Aotearoa. This work is taking a quality improvement approach and is being developed in collaboration with related networks.

Our second workstream, focusing on Outpatient Demand and Access Equity, has held its first meeting and is now in early development. Initial themes have been identified and work is underway to shape workstream priorities and next steps.

Our third workstream, RSV prophylaxis, is in its early development phase, with structure and membership in place. Activity is being shaped in alignment with related areas of work, ensuring coordination across the wider programme as system context evolves.

Collaboration and wider *activity*

Alongside our core workstreams, we are contributing to and aligning with a range of national paediatric and general practice-facing initiatives.

We are working across related networks to strengthen alignment, reduce duplication, and support a coordinated approach to improving outcomes for mokopuna.

As the Network grows, it is increasingly recognised as a point of connection for paediatric matters, helping you connect with people, expertise, and opportunities across organisations, regions, and areas of practice.

Lived *experience*

A key priority is ensuring the voices of mokopuna and whānau are embedded across all areas of work. Lived experience input is being strengthened through the development of navigator roles, to support meaningful engagement and ensuring work remains grounded in real-world experience.

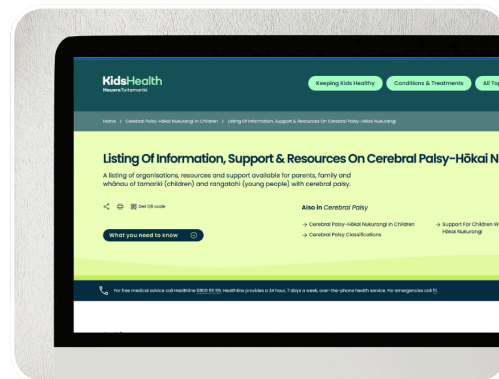
Looking *ahead*

As we move into year two, our focus is on building momentum across workstreams strengthening delivery, and continuing to grow collaboration across the sector. The Network* remains committed to equitable, culturally grounded, and system-connected care for all mokopuna in Aotearoa.

Engagement *opportunities*

RSV prophylaxis workstream membership

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Additional *activities*

- Supported a submission to the Whaikaha / New Zealand Disability Support Strategy review
- Provided representation to support the Neurodevelopment Network's review and update of KidsHealth Cerebral Palsy resources
- Contributed to RACP and PSNZ joint statement regarding adults on paediatric wards
- Endorsement of Australasian Bronchiolitis Guidelines
- Engaged in RSV collaboration and advocacy
- Scabies management is considered an emerging priority for the Network, sitting just outside the top three workstreams* for immediate actioning. The Network* continues to monitor national developments and engagement with key stakeholders regarding a national coordinated approach to scabies management
- Developing a wider membership network