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# NASCA March General Meeting

The next General Meeting is to be held in Wellington

* Thursday 03 March
* Quality Hotel, Cuba Street

Please rsvp your attendance to Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz

An Agenda will be emailed in due course.

**NASCA Executive - Nominations**

A reminder that there is currently a vacancy on the Executive and nominations are sought. The vacancy is due to Helene Dore’s new role as National Practice Advisor. The Executive have decided to seek nominations to fill this vacancy rather than making a secondment. The March 2016 meeting will include a brief Special General Meeting for election for this vacancy on the Executive.

Nominations must be made on the [NASCA Nomination Form.](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/download/nomination-form-executive-2016/?wpdmdl=3514) The Nominee, the Nominator and the Seconder must all be representatives from paid up Full Members of NSACA.

Nominations will close on **Wednesday 03 February 2016** with the NASCA EA Judy Preston.

**NASC/DIAS Review – Stakeholder Engagement**

The Ministry of Health DSS have commissioned Sapere Ltd to undertake a NASC/DIAS Review. There will be a range of ways that NASC can have input into this Review.

**Sapere Meeting with NASCA Executive** We envisage that there will be at least two opportunities for NASCA Executive to have input with Sapere – the first next Tuesday when we will have input and provide comment, issues and ideas to inform Sapere in their thinking regarding options.

There will be further opportunity for Executive to review and comment on options and models in due course.

**NASCA Survey -** Over the past few weeks NASCA has run a survey to gather the views of NASC Managers and practitioners to inform input NASCA has into the NASC –DIAS Review commissioned by MoH DSS.

Six contributions have been received representing some diverse views.

A summary of the comments is being collated and will be shared in due course.

[The survey will remain open](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWKQGK2) until 26 February, and any others who would like to express views please do so.

**Meeting or input by individual NASCs** Sapere have identified times and ways that individual DSS NASC Managers can have input into the review if required. These are set out in the [attached document](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/download/nasc-review-sapere/?wpdmdl=3551). Please RSVP to this proposal as soon as possible.

**Position Paper –** The NASCA Executive are working with Dr Simon Duffy, Director, Centre for Welfare Reform in the UK to write a position paper. The purpose of the paper is to inform the current Review, and to propose an approach to transformation of the system of disability support and access to support in New Zealand which:

* Is consistent with recognition of the rights of disabled people as citizens
* Aligns closely with the principles of Enabling Good Lives, and
* Builds on the strengths of the current NASC approach

We hope this paper will be available to NASCs in the next couple of weeks. It is intended to stimulate discussion and to focus agreement wherever possible on key themes and principles. It is not expected that all NASCs will necessarily agree with all aspects of the proposal.

Please feel free to contact Mark Brown, Chairperson to discuss any aspect of the Review process, and having your views and input heard.

**InterRAI - consultation on the proposed structure for a nationally integrated Education and Support Service**

Sandie Kirkman advises that “Public consultation on this proposal is finally here, and it is vital we as NASCs have our say.

This has been a contentious issue for NASCs throughout the country. Please ensure your voice is heard and provide feedback. If you can attend a meeting on the consultation document I encourage you to do so.”

A copy of the consultation document can be found on the interRAI website: [www.interrai.co.nz](http://www.interrai.co.nz) or you can request an electronic copy by email to: interRAI@dhbsharedservices.health.nz

A series of meetings around the country are being held during February to hear from you. Anyone with an interest can attend and share your views. Details of these meetings can be found at:

[www.interrai.co.nz](http://www.interrai.co.nz)

Submissions can be made in person, or in writing, until the consultation closes at 5pm on **26 February 2016**.

You can send submissions, or ask any further questions, by:

Email: interRAI@dhbsharedservices.health.nz

or by Post: interRAI Services, TAS, P O Box 23 075, Wellington 6140

**Health of Older People Strategy - Next phase of workshops:**

The first phase of engagement for the HOP Strategy successfully identified a large number of strengths and weaknesses of the health system in relation to the health of our older population. This next phase of workshops will be more focused on actions that can minimise these weaknesses and heighten the strengths.

The second phase of the workshops will be dedicated to the design of actions based on issues and strengths raised in the first phase of engagement.

Some of you will be attending these workshops in your various roles. Sandie Kirkman will be attending again in her capacity as a NASCA HOP representative. Updates will be provided via the next NASCA meetings.

**Farewell Jenny Moor**

Jenny has announced that she will be retiring from her role as Development Manager with MoH DSS as of 11 March 2016. Some NASC Managers will recall that Jenny began her involvement with NASC as Manager of Health of Older People NASC at Waitemata DHB, and has in more recent years been a Development Manager Service Access with MoH DSS.

NASCA has been involved with Jenny in many ways over recent years and we take this opportunity to wish Jenny all the best in her future new ventures.

**Clinical Excellence – The Prevention & Management of Pressure Injuries**

Please find attached updated information about the next DAA Group Quality Seminar - [Clinical Excellence - The Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/download/quality-seminar-poster/?wpdmdl=3548)

The DAA Group are proud to bring this seminar to you to increase your knowledge and skills in order to improve patient outcomes and meet best practice in pressure injury prevention and management.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the seminar days.  Any queries please feel free to contact us as indicated on the poster attached.

# NGO Health and Disability Network

# Update December 2015

For the latest information and update from the MOH NGO Council [Update](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/download/ngo-chairs-dec-2015-update/?wpdmdl=3503). Topics include:

* NZ Health Strategy
* IT Systems
* Sector Strength

**Upcoming NASCA Meetings**

At any time dates of upcoming meetings:

[www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/)

**NASCA General Meetings 2016**

* 03 March – Wellington
* 02 June – Auckland
* 01 Sept – Wellington
* 01 December – Christchurch

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