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Grand Chancellor Hotel, Auckland Airport

### Navigator Model

The MOH DSS through NASCA are calling for expressions of interest from a NASC interested in implementing the Navigator Model in their region. MOH DSS have agreed to one-off funding to support NorthAble NASC to provide expertise, training material and guidelines to implement Navigation into another NASC region.

Noel Matthews and Rosalie Eilering have presented on the Navigator Model on several occasions, and here is the link to information on the [Proposal to Pilot the NorthAble Navigator](#). For further information please contact [Noel](#) or [Rosalie](#) directly.

NASCA is seeking expressions of interest from any DSS NASC interested in taking up this opportunity to implement the Navigator Model in their region. Please forward your expression of interest with a brief statement regarding your interest and how you would envisage utilising the Navigator Model in your region, to [NASCA EA Judy Preston](#) by **12 noon Thursday 24 April 2014**.

### Next Meetings – dates and venues confirmed

Venues are confirmed for the following meetings

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Selection will be undertaken in consultation with the MOH.

The MOH are keen to see this take place over the next few months and be substantially complete by 30 June 2014, with an implementation progress report due by early July 2014.

Note that the MOH require the NASC to operate the Navigator model within their existing discretionary funding (DF).

### **HOP - Access to interRAI for interNASC transfers**

Following the discussion at the Wellington General Meeting, a trial has been set up between the 3 lower North Island NASCs (C&C, Wai and HV), providing key staff access to the other DHB's Momentum offices. This has allowed all assessment information to be viewed by the receiving NASC, without any documents needing to be transferred by fax or e-mail. This has proved to be very beneficial in terms of saving in documents and paper, and the ability to use the system to its full extent when considering the needs of any potential transfers has significantly reduced the time required around consideration of transfers.

In principle, there is nothing to stop this being rolled out more widely. Information for discussion will be sent to NASCs ahead of the June meeting, where we can discuss any plan for wider implementation.

### **HOP - N1004 Referral form**

Many of you will be aware that there has been some work being done by MOH Sector Services on revising the N1004 form, but very little communication or consultation with DHB NASC's. (What has happened appears to have been done primarily with portfolio managers). Several NASCA members have been advocating the key staff in the Ministry of Health, and we can advise that a further workshop will be held in May, and a commitment has been made to involve NASCA. In the meantime there is no date for implementation of any changes.

### **I-Sign NZSL Interpreting Service**

I-sign is a nationwide organisation which provides NZ Sign Language and English interpreters on a booking system. For further information on how to access these services please view the following links:

[Fact Sheet 1](#) – How do I contact I-Sign?

[Fact Sheet 2](#) – Where can I have interpreter access?

[Fact Sheet 3](#) – How does I-Sign pay for interpreting?

[Fact Sheet 4](#) – How does I-Sign find the interpreters?

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### Expressions of Interest: Eligibility & Grey Areas Working Group

Following on from discussions from both the December and March General Meetings it has been suggested to form a small group that can liaise and discuss the issues and challenges experienced by the different streams. Your ideas and suggestions will ensure a positive means of moving forward.

We are looking for people from all streams to be involved in picking up some areas for first attention and making recommendations and progress on these. The work will be by teleconference and email.

Please forward your expression of interest with a brief statement regarding the eligibility and grey areas you are particularly interested in to [NASCA EA Judy Preston](#) by **12:00 noon Wednesday 23 April 2014**.

### Business Continuity Planning

Carol MacDonald has produced a BCP [Template](#) and [Guide](#) for use by DSS NASCs (and any other NASCs who find it useful).

Carol presented the Template and Guide at the recent General Meeting and since then has been working with FOCUS on their BCP and has created a different version of [Table 6](#). Other NASCs might like to consider this as it is easier to see the likely impacts across critical functions. Carol is willing to answer any queries that may arise as NASCs undertake BCP planning, and is also willing to look at draft plans. Please contact Carol directly at [carol.macdonald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:carol.macdonald@xtra.co.nz)

### MSD - Health and Disability Long Term Work Programme

Ministry of Social Development have a survey running currently seeking feedback on their Health and Disability Long Term Work Programme.

This is a great opportunity to provide feedback to MSD. There is a groundswell of thinking in the wider sector that lack of employment for disabled people is very often about discrimination and a disabling labour market. Almost all of the MSD stated policy objectives are focused on forcing disabled people to adapt to this discriminating market rather than on encouraging employers and society to change. This does not appear to advance New Zealand from what is often the situation of: if you can fit in fine, if not too bad! [For further information](#)

Please consider responding to this [survey](#) with relevant feedback to MSD. The survey closes on **Tuesday 29 April**.

### DSS MOH Reference Group Meeting

The next DSS MoH Reference Group Meeting is to be held Wednesday 30 April 2014 in Wellington. If DSS NASC Managers have items you would like discussed with MOH please email [Mark Brown](#) or one of the DSS Executive with agenda items.

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## Upcoming NASCA Meetings

Up to date information about upcoming meetings is available on the 'News and Events' page of the NASCA website page:  
[www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/)

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- **NASCA General Meeting**  
**05 June Meeting venue confirmed**  
Grand Chancellor Hotel, Auckland Airport
- **NASCA General Meeting & AGM**  
**04 September**  
*Wellington - Venue TBC*
- **DSS National Operations Meeting**  
13 November  
*Wellington- Venue TBC*
- **NASCA General Meeting**  
04 December  
*Christchurch - Venue TBC*

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