

NASCA NOTICES

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National Forum Evaluation Survey

A big thank you to all who took the time to complete the National Forum Evaluation Survey. There were 81 responses and your feedback will valuably inform future forums and conferences.

Susan Bowden and Jane Pembroke will prepare a report from the survey evaluation and this be presented to members at the General Meeting in Christchurch in December.

A reminder that the presentations from the Forum are available on the [NASCA website Forum page](#)

December General Meeting

NASCA General Meeting
Thurs 5 December 2013, Christchurch

Venue: Copthorne Commodore Hotel
449 Memorial Ave, Christchurch Airport

Funded Family Care Notice and Operational Policy

From 1 October 2013 the Ministry of Health provides funding for some disabled people to pay a family member to provide personal care and household management. All DSS NASCs have received training over the past few weeks on the implementation of this policy. More information is [on the MOH website](#).

Member Forums on the NASCA website

A reminder that the member forums on the NASCA website is a great facility available to members for general discussion as well as a vehicle for feedback and support from your peers.

The Inter-NASC transfer process is a current topic in the [Disability NASC](#) section and this is a great place to record your comments, questions and suggestions with regard to the development of the Inter NASC transfer process.



MOH NGO Council update

The NGO Council is sponsored by the Ministry of Health to foster positive relationships with Non-Government Organisations in the wider Health / Disability sector. Mark Brown is one of the disability sector representatives on the Council. Although many NASCs are not NGOs the information is of general interest. Read the [October Update](#) report.

Vulnerable Children Bill

The Vulnerable Children Bill is currently before Parliament and the NGO Council has provided information on the Bill as well as a submission template for interested parties to make a submission.

Please read the [Information on Vulnerable Children Bill](#). It is apparent that the requirements of this Bill will impact all DSS NASCs who have employees interacting with families and children. There is an opportunity to [share your opinion](#), and the NGO Council will collate your feedback and submit to the Social Services Select Committee for consideration.

If you wished to make a submission there is a [VCB Submission Template](#). The deadline for submissions is 30 October 2013.

Elder Abuse

NASCA was approached recently by MSD for information on Elder Abuse, to help

inform some work they are doing on this subject. Health of Older People NASC's responded with some very valuable information which was provided to MSD, and was also shared with the Older Persons team at the MoH.

Several of the responding NASC managers also expressed an interest in being involved in any ongoing work on this subject on NASCA's behalf.

Residential Care Access Criteria Workshops

Two national workshops were held in Wellington in September to try and move towards standardised access criteria for residential care, making the most of information available from interRAI.

All DHBs were able to send three representatives, and the attendees ranged from specialised nurses to geriatricians and GP's as well as representatives from Aged Care. At least six older persons NASC Managers attended.

Nigel Millar, one of New Zealand's interRAI fellows, facilitated the day and now has the challenge of compiling the information gained.

There will now be some follow-up work to ensure that any outcomes are workable and able to be operationalised consistently across the country. It is hoped that there may be some information from this to discuss at the general meeting in December.



New members Update

We are pleased to advise two new NASCA members, you may have met at the National Forum in September:

- Tui Ora Limited mental health provider in Taranaki, represented by Christina Wolf
- Bay of Plenty DHB Mental Health represented by Andrew Neas

A very warm welcome to both NASCs and their representatives.

NASCA Treasurer

We express our appreciation again to Heather Browning, Treasurer and Coco Shi, Finance Officer for their stewardship and efficient administration of NASCA finances over the past year.

Please note that the Treasurer role has now passed to Don Sorrenson. Any correspondence regarding finances, membership and meeting fees etc please contact Dianne Reid, Finance Officer on finance@nznasca.co.nz

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