



## Compass Factsheet April 2013

The Child and Youth Health Compass (the Compass) aims to identify, showcase and share innovation and good practice in child and youth health across Aotearoa/New Zealand (NZ), in a bottom-up way, with peers supporting peers. It aims to support and add value to existing District Health Board (DHB) activities aimed at improving services and reducing inequities for children and young people. The Compass factsheet provides information around the Compass project to date.

### Recent Compass Activity

The Compass Questionnaire Tool was sent out to all DHBs for consultation in Feb 2013 with a three week-turnaround for feedback. Consultation feedback showed high levels of engagement and broad support received for the Compass across the DHBs. There were many positive comments including the focus on equity within the Compass and its consistency with existing priorities, and agreement that the Compass was likely to lead to improvement in child and youth health services.

DHBs also thought carefully about how the Compass could be improved and provided comprehensive feedback. The Compass Steering Group met on in March 2013 to consider and respond to DHB feedback. The Steering Group, aware that the Compass must support (and not undermine) current activities and priorities, not carry an onerous workload, has taken into consideration the timeframes for the finalisation of DHB annual plans in setting the response to the Compass Questionnaire Tool.

### Next Steps

The final Compass Questionnaire Tool was sent to DHBs on 28 March 2013, with a nine-week response time. It is likely that the questionnaire will need corporate and clinical staff to work together.

Key Compass dates are as follows:

<b>Compass implementation</b>	
<b>Compass Questionnaire Tool and answer template sent to DHBs</b>	<b>Thursday 28 March 2013</b>
<b>Deadline for DHB responses to Compass Questionnaire Tool</b>	<b>Friday 31 May 2013</b>

Draft results will be sent to DHBs in August 2013 for their feedback. Following DHB feedback, final reports will be sent to DHBs. These will include information and resources about good practice in child and youth health services and will identify exemplar DHBs. We also want to find out what other resources would be most helpful to DHBs such as good practice toolkits, regional or national workshops, or offering a system of peer support to provide advice or assistance around specific aspects of child and youth health services.

### Background to the Compass

Compared to other developed countries, NZ has poor child and youth health outcomes, with high levels of preventable ill health and marked health inequalities. There is substantial knowledge of good practice in child and youth health; however there is a wide variation in practice and outcomes across the country. The Compass concept is based, in part, upon the DHB Scorecard project conducted by the Paediatric

Society of NZ (PSNZ) during 2002 to 2004. We have worked hard to address the lessons from the Scorecard, and to develop a process that adds value and complements current activities. The Compass, reflective of a quality improvement tool that promotes innovation and good practice, is aimed toward supporting a learning process aimed at improvement rather than judgement. DHBs will be consulted on the draft Compass. We are aware of the DHB planning timeframes and know that the Compass must support (and not undermine) current activities and priorities, and not carry an onerous workload.

## Project Governance

The Compass is being undertaken in partnership between the Office of the Children's Commissioner, Ko Awatea, and the PSNZ, with guidance and support from the Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQSC), and the New Zealand Child and Youth Epidemiology Service (NZCYES). The Compass Steering Group first met in August 2012 and includes the following expertise:

- Dr Russell Wills (Chair), Children's Commissioner, and Paediatrician, Hawkes Bay DHB
- Dr Nick Baker, Chair Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee, and Paediatrician, Nelson Marlborough DHB
- Barbara Bradnock, PSNZ representative, and Portfolio Manager Child and Youth Health, Midcentral DHB
- Donovan Clarke, Tumu Whakarae representative, and Executive Director Māori Health, Southern DHB
- Dr Liz Craig, Director NZ Child and Youth Epidemiology Service
- Dr Simon Denny, Adolescent Physician, Counties Manukau DHB, and Department of Paediatrics, University of Auckland
- Professor Tony Dowell, Department of Primary Health Care and General Practice, University of Otago, Wellington
- Hilda Fa'asalele, Pacific Health, Ministry of Health
- Dr David Galler, Director of Clinical Leadership, Ko Awatea, and Intensive Care Specialist, Middlemore Hospital, Counties Manukau DHB
- Richard Hamblin, Director of Health Quality Evaluation, Health Quality and Safety Commission
- Dr Hugh Lees, Paediatrician, Clinical Director Women, Child and Family Services, Tauranga Hospital, Bay of Plenty DHB
- Helen Mason, General Manager Planning & Funding, Bay of Plenty DHB
- Anne Morgan, Service Manager Child Health, Canterbury DHB
- Dr David Newman, Clinical Director General Paediatrics, Waikato DHB
- Sharon Payne, NZNO representative, and Nurse Practitioner, Hawkes Bay DHB
- Dr Ramon Pink, Medical Officer of Health, Community & Public Health, Canterbury DHB
- Dr William Rainger, NZ College of Public Health Medicine representative, and Public Health Physician
- Bridget Robson, Associate Dean Māori, and Director Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pōmare, University of Otago, Wellington
- Dr Adrian Trenholme, Chair NZ Paediatric and Child Health Division Committee of RACP, and Paediatrician, Counties Manukau DHB
- Dr Pat Tuohy, Chief Advisor Child and Youth Health, Ministry of Health
- Mollie Wilson, CEO PSNZ

## Scope of the Compass

The Compass is focused on health services funded or influenced by DHBs including:

- *public health* services, such as public health nursing and health promotion
- *primary care* services including DHB-funded Well Child/ Tamariki Ora nursing, Before-School Check, immunisation, breastfeeding and acute and chronic illness management in primary care
- *secondary care* services such as children's inpatient and outpatient services

- *disability* services, e.g., those funded by the Needs Assessment and Support Coordination Agency and Child Development Services
- *mental health* services such as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

The Compass excludes health services for children largely outside DHBs' funding or influence, e.g. ambulance services, Plunket, ACC-funded rehabilitation services and services funded or provided by the Ministry of Education (e.g., Special Education) and Ministry of Social Development (e.g., MSD-funded social services). However, DHB *engagement* with other organisations is within the scope of the Compass.

## Selection of themes for the Compass 2013

There are six Compass themes for 2013. Equity is a theme woven across all elements of the Compass. Themes were selected based upon consideration of many factors such as importance, potential to reduce health inequities, knowledge of good practice, current variation in practice, measurability, stakeholder support, existing work programmes or initiatives, current health sector priorities, reporting burden, and the extent of DHB influence or control. Some important topics have not been included in the first Compass because of existing initiatives, for example, in child protection and some aspects of mental health. The themes are:

- **Best start to a healthy life (Chair Dr Nick Baker, Nelson Marlborough DHB)**
- **Child development & disability (Chair Dr David Newman, Waikato DHB)**
- **Child, youth & whānau-centred care (Chair, Sharon Payne, Hawkes Bay DHB)**
- **Leadership & governance (Chair Dr Russell Wills, Children's Commissioner)**
- **Primary care (Chair Prof Tony Dowell, Otago University)**
- **Youth health (Chair Dr Simon Denny, Centre for Youth Health)**
- **Equity Advisory Group (Chair Bridget Robson, Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pōmare)**

**Effective and open communication is vital to the success of the Compass. We value your feedback. For more information or to discuss further please contact:**

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