

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR PHO'S

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Waimakariri Youth Brief Intervention Service

Hello,
I am Victoria Ravenscroft and my new role with the Rural Canterbury PHO is that of Youth Brief Intervention Coordinator (YBIC) for the Waimakariri district.

My role is to provide general practitioners with a competent referral option for youth with mild to moderate mental health concerns between the ages of 13 to 18 years who have no immediate safety or risk factors. I can also provide the young person with up to five free sessions of psychological help, within a 12 month period. I will also refer the



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young person to other community agencies when necessary.

I am excited to be part of this 12 month pilot project being provided by Rural Canterbury PHO for the young people of the Waimakariri district. I have a background in the alcohol and drug field and am currently completing my Masters degree in Health Sciences.

I hope to have close contact with GP teams in the Waimakariri throughout this project and look forward to meeting you at some stage.

EXIT NOTICE FROM SOUTH LINK HEALTH as of 8 April 2008

Christchurch PHO and Rural Canterbury PHO Boards received six month's 'notice of termination' from South Link Health in November 2007 for the provision of management services contract.

The 'notice of termination' was not a declaration that South Link Health was no longer interested in providing management services to the PHOs, rather, it was given to assist the required transitional phase and re-establishment of any future contract lines that the PHOs would wish to secure with South Link Health.

This process has allowed both PHO Boards and South Link Health to review current contract terms, service specifications specific to each contract line and, where appropriate, renegotiate the pricing structure and extent of any contract services the PHOs may wish to re-secure with South Link Health.

Both PHO Boards employed a consultant to prepare an Options paper for the

Future Direction of the individual PHOs. The two Boards met with the consultant together and separately, and also met as a Board to discuss the options following receipt of the consultant's report.

At the 21 January Board meeting for Christchurch PHO, the following resolution was agreed: "That CPHO Board resolves in principle to employ its own CEO, management and other staff. The CPHO Board may work with the RCPHO to share resources to achieve economies of scale."

At the 29 January Rural Canterbury PHO Board meeting agreed the following:

- ◆ To take over the employment of Manager (to 7 April 2010), administration staff (to 30 June 2010) and programme co-ordinators (until their present contracts via the CDHB become due);
- ◆ To job size the role of General Manager / Chief Executive Officer and prepare a job description for this role;

- ◆ Retention of the present office premises;
- ◆ Offer a contract arrangement to the Christchurch PHO to continue to provide services through the programme coordinators who are currently employed in joint roles for the RCPHO and CPHO.

The Board's decisions have been advised to South Link Health and discussions and negotiations are progressing with regard to hand-over of staff (to Rural Canterbury PHO, as the lead PHO for employment of staff) and individual contracts for IT and finance for the two PHOs. Discussions are also being held with South Link Health and other agencies regarding the provision of other service contracts, for example Education, Maori Health, Consultancy.

More information will be provided once negotiations have been completed and contracts are signed. Advice of change-over dates and any appropriate advice will be notified to all PHO member practices.

Improving the Patient Journey - Child

There is a primary / secondary project group operating focused on improving the patient journey for children.

A very brief questionnaire (about nine questions) will be made available on line by the CDHB to GPs for their response.

Vaccinator training and updating courses

If you are interested in attending any of these courses or updates, could you please contact IMAC at phone 0800 882 873 or email: imacadmin@ihug.co.nz

Vaccinator training course
5 - 6 March 2008
21 - 22 May 2008
3 - 4 September 2008
12 - 13 November 2008

Update for trained vaccinators:
5 March 2008
5.30 - 9.30 pm, 12 November 2008

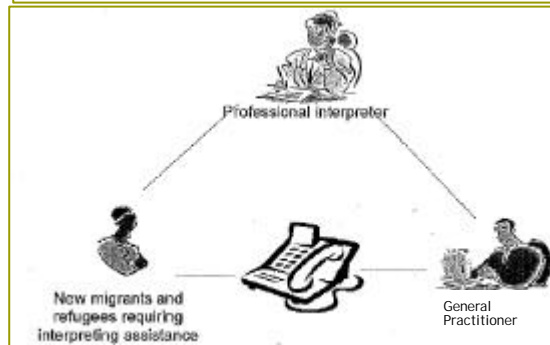
Please let Alison Wilkie (03 357 4970) know if you need training or updating and cannot be fitted into one of these planned programmes. If there is sufficient need we will investigate the possibility of arranging another.

INTERPRETER SERVICE

Language Line, an 0800 telephone interpreter service is now available in general practices within the Christchurch and Rural Canterbury PHOs. There are interpreters available for 39 different languages:

Maori	Tongan	Samoa
Niuean	Tokelauan	Tuvaluan
Cook Island	Maori	Myanmar
Lao	Thai	Khmer
Korean	Vietnamese	Cantonese
Mandarin	Japanese	Croatian
Bosnian	Serbian	Russian
Ukrainian	Spanish	French
Portuguese	Kurdish	Assyrian
Farsi	Darl	Pashto
Arabic	Somali	Amharic
Tamil	Sinhalese	Gujarati
Urdu	Bengali	Punjabi
Hindi		

This service is **free** to the practice and the patient. For more information contact Jill Robinson, HP and SIA Project Officer, 03 357 4970.



DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

MOH INFORMATION ABOUT EQUIPMENT AND MODIFICATION SERVICES

Following the completion of a project with the Ministry of Health, a brochure and five fact sheets are available regarding the design and dissemination of equipment and modifications for disabled people of all ages:

- ◆ Equipment and Modifications brochure
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Equipment for people who are Deaf or have hearing loss
- ◆ Equipment for people who are blind or have reduced vision
- ◆ Housing Modifications, and
- ◆ Vehicle modifications

These are available in a range of accessible formats, and the information is also translated into four languages: Maori, Cook Islands, Samoan and Tongan.

The information pack is available from the local Disability Information Centre:
Disability Information Service
314 Worcester Street
Christchurch
Tel: (03) 366 6189
Fax: (03) 379 5939
Email: dis@disinfo.co.nz

The brochure, fact sheets and booklets can be printed from the Ministry of Health website (www.moh.govt.nz/disability) [[link on RCPHO and CHCHPHO websites](#)] and are also available in electronic text and MP3 formats.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) is urging people to make submissions calling for a complete ban on the retail display of tobacco products.

"We know that display advertising is effective, after all why would tobacco companies pour a lot of money and effort in to them? We believe that the removal of displays will protect children and young people from exposure to tobacco advertising, as well as providing a better environment for those looking to quit and former smokers who are aiming to stay smoke free" says Ben Youdan, ASH Director.

ASH is urging people to make a submission in support of a display ban.

Submissions were due by 15 February 2008 at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/review-tobacco-displays-nz-consultation?Open>

NHI number requests

HealthPAC has increased the number of NHI requests from three to six per call. There is also an NHI fax service for Primary health providers requesting a maximum of 40 NHI numbers per day - 2 business days turn around time. An NHI fax request template can be obtained by phoning 0800 855 151.

Enrolled Data as at 1 January 2008	Total	NZ European	Maori	Pacific Islander	Other
Rural Canterbury PHO	65230	53595	3187	440	8008
Christchurch PHO	26630	16337	1547	548	8198

FAMILY PLANNING CONTACT DETAILS

Christchurch Clinic

9 Washington Way
Monday 8am to 8pm
Friday 8am to 6pm
Saturday 9.30 am to 12 pm
Ph (03)379 0514

Ashburton

Cnr Oak Gr & Elizabeth St
Monday 11 am to 6pm
Ph (03)308 1221

Rangiora

205a King Street
Wednesday 10am to 2 pm
Thursday 2pm to 6.30 pm
Ph (03)313 6697