



Oral Health Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Project. The reconfiguration of the Child and Adolescent Oral Service comes after extensive consultation carried out in 2007.

The new configuration will have more flexibility and provide an opportunity for a greater level of professional support amongst clinical staff.

The development of an integrated service means that staff will work together in Service Hubs, sharing records and information, and building strong relationships and referral lines.

This model of care will increase oral health education and enhance health promotional opportunities.

Two mobile clinics will support the fixed hubs as outreach services to key locations in the rural areas of Nelson and Marlborough.

The Project Manager is currently

The new clinic configuration for Nelson Marlborough will be:

Blenheim	New 4 chair fixed clinic
Nelson	New 3 chair fixed clinic
Motueka	New 2 chair fixed clinic
Richmond	New 4 chair fixed clinic
Stoke	New 2 chair fixed clinic
Motueka	New 2 chair fixed clinic

working with schools to determine sites for the fixed clinics. This will

be completed by the end of November 2009.

Project Manager Appointed



Kaye Hannagan, Project Manager

Kaye Hannagan, the project manager, has an extensive background in the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and the business sector. Immediately prior to this role she

was employed by Nelson Marlborough DHB as a member of the Business Support Team focusing on contracting and ACC. Kaye commenced her role on 1 July 2009 and is based at Nelson Hospital.

Kaye says "As with any project I am learning quickly about Oral Health Services from the wonderful team that will assist me throughout this project."

Part of that team is the Governance Group; made up of; Project Sponsor, Project Leader, Stakeholders, Manager Maori Health Directorate, Service Providers and Ministry of Education representative.

This group has the overview of the project, expenses, contractors, allocation of resources, and oversees the work of the Implementation Group.

The Implementation Group will be focussed on carrying out the work set by the Governance Group and will make recommendations to the Governance Group for any changes to stages, design or funding streams. This group is made up of representatives from: Dental Therapists, Dental Assistants, Oral Health Service, Property, HR, Communications, Purchasing, and will take in other areas as the project progresses.

Timeline for Clinics

Phase 1 - Blenheim and Motueka

Nov 09 Site
identification

Feb March
Architect
plans/permits

April 2010
Construction
starts

Training for
Dental staff

Dec 2010
Construction
Completed

Phase 2 - Stoke, Richmond and Nelson

Nov 09 Site
identification

Feb March
Architect
Plans/permits

May 2010
Construction
starts

Training for
Dental staff

March 2011
Construction
Completed

Phase 3 - Mobile Clinics – dependant on delivery date

July 2010
Mobile site
identification

August 2010
Tender for
Mobiles

Oct 2010
Build Mobiles

Clerical
Dental
Mechanical
training

Operational
Oct 2010

Dental Therapist Team Leader

Introducing Wendy Shearer,
Dental Therapist Team Leader
Wendy has been with Nelson
Marlborough DHB for the past nine
years and previous to this had
25 years experience as a Dental
Therapist with Hutt Valley DHB.
Wendy is the team leader for the
School Dental Service's 19 Dental
Therapists and 17 Dental Assistants.



*Wendy Shearer, Dental Therapist
Team Leader, NMDHB*

As Team Leader Wendy sits on the
Implementation Group and
sub group of Furniture, Fittings
and Equipment.

“My particular focus is ensuring
clinics meet the needs of the
Dental Therapists and Assistants.
With the facilities will come new
technology which will be a major

step forward for the service,”
says Wendy.

“I am looking forward to working
alongside others, it will be great
to have that peer support working
as a team in a new working
environment.”

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