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CE Update

It is with great pleasure that I write my first newsletter as CEO of NZDSN.

I've had a wonderful welcome and initial induction phase into the organisation.

My first two weeks included **'Contributing to Community'** and **'Living Options'** NZDSN forums, and our AGM.

I've now met with a number of people managing a variety of organisations in the disability sector, as well as a variety of Government officials.

I see some clear priority areas for me to focus on which will enable our member organisations to achieve their desired outcomes.

We're all operating in a challenging economic environment. However, through these times of difficulty, the pressure to be efficient creates innovative practices.

I intend to ensure that, as a network, we function to support members with their challenges and propagate sharing of solutions and initiatives to ultimately benefit the people we, as a sector, support.

In the coming months, I hope to meet with all NZDSN members and engage with other key organisations in the sector that have an impact on our members' organisations.

I invite all our members to meet with me to discuss your particular issues, your solutions and how NZDSN can better assist you.

Lastly, we have two newly elected members on the NZDSN Board – Jessica Lissaman from Life Unlimited and David Mathews from CCS Disability Action.

I'm struck by the commitment and passion of each and every one of the Board members to make NZDSN a successful peak body, and very much look forward to working with the new Board.

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Chief Executive – NZDSN



CE, Clare Teague

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NZDSN conference – 6-8 March 2012

I've been working with our event manager and Conference Committee to shape our upcoming conference so there will be something for everyone.

One of the opportunities presented by holding this event in Wellington is the accessibility to political leaders and decision-makers. A priority for me is to create engagement between members and those in control of policy and practice.

I need to ensure members are well informed of the changing operational environment. Therefore, the first day (Tuesday 6 March) is aimed at governance and senior management level.

This is a day for chief executives, senior managers, chairs and other board members to collectively focus on strategic issues.

The conference proper (Wednesday-Thursday 7 and 8 March 2012) will focus more specifically on the practice of service provision.

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Sleepover Settlement update

This has been a significant piece of work for us as we continue to provide information and updates to service providers impacted by the legislation.

Fortunately, we have our Sleepover Settlement project manager Brendon with us a bit longer (until the end of February 2012), so please talk to Brendon with your sleepover queries (04) 499 9876).

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Trial MoH self-assessment tool update

We sent out a draft self-assessment tool for organisations to volunteer to trial for the Ministry of Health.

There has been a good response to this request, and now the Ministry will select a range of volunteers to work through the tool.

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Health Quality and Safety Commission to report feedback

The Health Quality and Safety Commission (HSQC) is currently collating feedback on its draft process for serious and sentinel event reporting. The HSQC aims to finalise the policy by 31 December 2011

The Commission has created a principles-based process that DHBs must use. However, the HQSC wants to have comment from disability service providers to ensure that the tool is useful for service providers in the whole Disability and Health sector, not just DHBs.

I encourage you to review the [draft policy](#) as it will have an influence on both the health and disability sectors.

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National Health Committee seeks provider input

The newly reformed National Health Committee (NHC) has put out a list of projects that could be on its work programme for the coming year.

A request to the wider disability and health sectors has been sent out seeking sector views on what we see should be the priority projects for the NHC.

I recommend that you review these projects and complete the feedback template. Of particular interest is the project on page 20 of [the summary document](#).

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- [Click here to read the summary report](#) (NHC website)
- [Click here to review provider referrals received to date](#)

News

Flexible respite care pilot programme begins in Nelson

A new pilot for respite care in Nelson Marlborough will give families more flexibility, and provide a better environment for people with disabilities than the traditional 'bricks and mortar' approach, says a healthcare provider.

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Individualised Funding: Self-assessment tool for providers

This simple self-assessment tool has been developed by providers and commissioners to help providers think about their progress in responding to the personalisation agenda.

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Support providers facing unfamiliar demands from Individualised Funding

Personal budgets in health and social care are giving disabled and older people unprecedented control over the services they use. Within the next five years, 1.5 million people could be using personal budgets to commission and manage their own support, drastically changing health and social care provision.

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