



update

for managers

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Ma mahi tahi tātou working together for children and young people with high and complex needs

Kia ora tātou

I hope everyone's year is going well. I would like to let you know about the National Interagency Management Group Forum in September and changes in the Plan Approval Panel.

Interagency Management Group National Forum

The Interagency Management Group Forum will be held on Thursday 17 September 2009 in Wellington. We will be presenting information on the national overview of clients, utilisation of funding and our work programme. Click [here](#) for the invitation.

Last year you requested we include more interactive time, so there will be presentations from Interagency Management Groups about how they organise their business and overcoming common difficulties.

The Forum is free apart from travel costs, which you will need to meet. It is a good opportunity to get updated about the Interagency Management Group role and how to support your practitioners working with clients with complex needs.

The Plan Approval Panel

The changes in the Plan Approval Panel decision making affect the following areas:

- clients with lifelong disability support needs
- core care costs for Child, Youth and Family
- funding for family access.

Clients with lifelong disability support needs

As HCN funding is only short-term, the Panel wants to make certain we avoid creating packages of care that are unsustainable for disability and other services to maintain once HCN funding finishes.

Where an ongoing high level of support is required, it is very important that practitioners and the Interagency Management Group identify where the significant change can occur in the short term with HCN funding.

Core care costs for Child, Youth and Family

Funding requests for birthday and Christmas presents, doctor's visits, clothing, school uniforms or pocket money will not be approved. These are all standard costs for any child in care. This is in keeping with the recently reviewed Child, Youth and Family Care Policy.

Funding requests for access to family

If the goal is to return the child or young person to their family, then we would approve funding requests to support this transition. If the goal is not to return the child or young person to the family's custody, then the costs of supervised access is a standard care cost for Child, Youth and Family.

Year-end accruals

We have developed an 'End of Financial Year' form (available on our [website](#)) that needs to be completed for each client. The form needs to list any invoices that you have received that will not be reimbursed before 30 June. It also needs to list any interventions that have occurred before 30 June, with an estimated amount, if you do not have a provider invoice yet. This will enable us to accrue interventions to the right financial year.

We need to receive invoices and the End of Financial Year form for all clients by **23 June**.

This information will also be sent to the Finance Contacts and the Services Coordinators. If you have any questions, please contact [Emma Petry](#).

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