

Future Planning: Review of role of transition workshops.

The Hospital Play Specialist Registration Council (HPSRC) will facilitate a review of how the current transition workshops link into HPS Service's orientation and induction programmes nationally and consider their role as a requirement for Full HPS Registration. The terms of reference and timeframes for the review and the consultation process will be circulated to the membership once established.

Background

Hospitals Play Specialists (HPS) will be aware that the Report of the NZ Health and Disability System Review chaired by Heather Simpson has proposed significant changes within the health and disability sector workforce planning and training. The review proposed that the Ministry lead the development of a workforce plan with a 10- 15year view with input from identified organisations and stakeholders. Professional bodies have been identified within this group. There are five recommendations in relation to the training of the health and disability workforce within the Report of the Health and Disability System review. As the profession body for hospital play specialists the Hospital Play Specialist Association of Aotearoa/New Zealand (HPSAANZ) will be included within the future workforce planning.

Recently the Director -General of Health introduced Ngā Paewera Health and Disability Sector Standards 2021 which will come into effect on the 28th February 2022. Within standard 2.4 health and disability support workers is the requirement to receive an orientation and induction programme. At the July 2021 joint annual review of the HPS Registration programme by the HPSRC and the Executive Committee the review of transition workshops, facilitated by the HPSRC was initiated. It is expected that a discussion paper will be presented at the March 2022 biennial professional conference for hospital play specialists.

2021 TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED

by the 20th September.

To assist planning for the 2021 transition workshops, Hospital Play Specialists should register their interest for attending by emailing info@hospitalplay.org.nz by the due date.