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Turning into Spiderman

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Turning into Spiderman



Screener Liz MacLaurin with Harper

When Trudie Robinson took her five-year-old son Harper for vision screening prior to starting school, she didn't realise just how much of a difference it would make to Harper's life when he was identified as having vision problems.

"I'm turning into Spiderman" where the words of amazement uttered by Harper when he wore his new glasses for the first time. Harper until then had not been able to see the lines on his hands.

Following Harper's vision test, which is part of the Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) Program, and subsequent referral to an eye health professional, mum Trudie said her son is a different person since having his vision problems corrected with glasses.

"It's given him a new lease on life; he's had to start life all over again, from looking at ants and insects to now being actually able to read. Things are starting to make sense to him," Ms Robinson said.

"Harper is starting school this year after repeating pre-school, he is now entering primary at the same

level as other kids, all because he got glasses," she said.

StEPS Coordinator Alison Boehme encourages all parents to participate in the program, which is a free service for all four and five-year-olds.

"Having good vision is extremely important for children starting school, with testing often forgotten prior to beginning," Alison said.

"Children rarely complain of vision issues and often don't realise they cannot see as well as others. It is important to detect vision problems early as some eye conditions if not identified before the age of eight years can lead to ongoing vision problems," she said.

As the new school year commences parents are encouraged to make enquiries about having their children's eyes screened.

Between 2009 and July 2010 more than 100,000 children had been offered a free vision screening through the StEPS program in NSW, with almost 8,000 children identified as having possible vision problems and referred to an eye health professional for a full vision assessment.

Prof Graham Vimpani awarded medal

Congratulations to Professor Graham Vimpani who was recently named the 2012 recipient of the Howard Williams Medal from The Royal Australian College of Physicians. Professor Vimpani received the medal for his outstanding contributions to child and youth health in Australia.

Professor Vimpani said he feels a close personal attachment to receiving the Medal.

"I was Howard's resident in my very first term in Paediatrics, so there is a real sense of homecoming in having the opportunity to acknowledge his important role in my career," Prof Vimpani said.

"There are other reasons that I don't want to disclose until my presentation, they will come as a surprise to most of my colleagues.

This award is a special honour because it is a recognition of one's contribution to children's health by one's peers," he said.

Prof Vimpani is recognised locally, nationally and internationally as a leader and advocate in child health, particularly in child protection, development and safety. Professor Vimpani will receive his award at the College Congress in May.



Prof Graham Vimpani

Pat's Pen – Director KGN

As I reflect on the past 12 months I would like to congratulate all staff for their commitment throughout 2011. With a high number of admissions throughout the year, it is a testament to frontline staff that our high standard of care was maintained.

Thank you to all the staff who worked over the Christmas and New Year period. As we remained busy throughout this

time, your dedication to our patients and families did not go unnoticed.

I look forward to the year ahead, as the care of children, young people and families is always evolving we prepare for exciting and positive changes in 2012.

Pat Marks

Pat Marks –
Director of Kaleidoscope KGN
Director of Nursing KGN

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Australian of the Year Nominee

Dr Bruce King had the honour of this year being nominated for Australian of the Year. Dr King though believes that his nomination is recognition of the service the JHCH diabetes team provides.

"The Paediatric Diabetes Unit at John Hunter Children's Hospital has been actively working to improve outcomes for children with diabetes. There has been an improvement in HbA1c from 8.6% in 2004 to 7.6% in 2012. For the children at JHCH this means that their risk of diabetes related complications have halved," Dr King said.

"The JHCH paediatric diabetes group has also worked to improve outcomes in the rest of Australia. Because children in rural settings have limited access to multidisciplinary paediatric diabetes teams, the paediatric diabetes team at JHCH is working

to improve local expertise in rural settings. Dr Bruce King and Associate Professor Darrell Price (Gold Coast) have been running an intensive diabetes management conference to up skill local teams. JHCH has also been acting as a reference centre for many rural centres. Many of these rural centres have changed their practices and are now achieving excellent results. The current aim is to involve all the major paediatric diabetes centres in Australia and New Zealand in these conferences to continue to improve the sharing of management ideas and techniques across Australia.

"The JHCH paediatric diabetes group has also been involved



Dr Bruce King



in development of advanced management techniques across Australia and the world. Helen Phelan (CDE) and Carmel

Smart has been involved in writing national and international guidelines for the management of diabetes including the international society of paediatric and adolescent diabetes guidelines and the NHMRC paediatric diabetes guidelines.

Members of the JHCH team have been invited to review clinical services at major paediatric hospitals in Australia. The JHCH team regularly host members from other teams.

"Researching insulin action to improve diabetes outcomes has also been undertaken by the Team. This has led to involvement in national research projects and significant research funding. I have recently completed a research study aimed at prevention of diabetic ketoacidosis. This study result found a 64% reduction in diabetic ketoacidosis in children newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

"The Team have significantly contributed to the development and improvement in treatment and service delivery across Australia resulting in improved diabetes control for many children," he said.

Community gets behind Fresh Food Kids Hospital Appeal

The partnership between Hunter New England LHD and Woolworths has once again proved a success with the community embracing the 2011 Fresh Food Kids Hospital Appeal.

Last year's Appeal raised:

John Hunter Children's Hospital	\$220,000
The Maitland Hospital	\$30,000
Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital	\$20,000
Manning Rural Referral Hospital	\$20,000



Pat Marks receives the cheque for JHCH

From the Appeal JHCH will begin a complete refurbishment of the paediatric outpatients department,



The Maitland Hospital receives their inaugural cheque

Maitland will purchase new paediatric mobile cots, Tamworth will purchase a number of Biliblankets and

Manning will buy an infant warmer/resuscitation machine.

Shadow cast over play area at First Steps

A new permanent shade sail has recently been installed at First Steps Parenting Centre thanks to over \$16,000 raised by community fundraisers Kaleidoscope Kids.

The shaded area will allow children to play while being protected from the direct sunlight and heat.

The new sail protects the play area



Message from the Director of Children, Young People and Families

Excellence - every patient, every time. A challenging commitment for all staff, when we think about this important statement we realise our need to focus on our goals, our priorities, the innovation needed to improve our systems and how we behave as a team to achieve positive outcomes for our patients and their families. During 2012 excellence and consistency will be major themes.

Services for Children, Young People and Families are complex and integrating systems across facilities and services remain a priority. The development of regional CYP&F committees will formalise this process. Congratulations to Dr Helen Goodwin appointed as Tamworth Director of Paediatric Medical Services.

From 1 July the National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) will come into effect. A project team for implementation at John Hunter has been set up, which includes staff from JHH and JHCH. The aim in 2012 is that 69 per cent of all children presenting to the ED will be admitted or discharged within four hours, increasing 75 per cent by 2013.

Congratulations to Helen Stevens, Paediatric CNC NCHN, who was recently awarded one of five innovation support scholarships for her project 'Going MAD in the ED'. The project aims to ensure that all children presenting to an emergency department in the HNELHD are provided with appropriate procedural analgesia within 12 months.

Trish Davidson
Prof. Trish Davidson

MOMS Program

The MOMS Program represents Mothers Obstetrics Multicultural Support for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) pregnant women and family in antenatal and postnatal care. The first friendship group (Greater Newcastle) met in May this year, with regular meetings held at the Ethnic Communities Council hall in Waratah.

The MOMS Friendship (Greater Newcastle) group kindly invited Kaleidoscope Speech Pathology to present a session on child's speech and language development on 5 September 2011.

This event was coordinated by the MOMS Program in partnership with the Multicultural Family Worker, Northern Settlement Services.

A broad range of cultures were represented including families from China, Germany, Sudan, and Korea. With the help of interpreters, families listened to information regarding community based services, communication development from birth to 12 months, learning 2 languages, communication strategies, useful websites and supports, literacy development, and strategies to develop reading. There was animated discussion, and activities on how to make your own books using items within your own home and environment.

We are hoping to run this event annually, and to continue broadening our engagement with the many diverse cultures within our communities.

Bakers Delight supports Children's Hospital

John Hunter Children's Hospital will this year be a part of Bakers Delight's annual Easter Bundraiser Day, where a dollar from every six pack of hot cross buns sold is donated to the Children's Hospital.

Bundraiser Day will this year be Saturday 24 March. All stores in the Hunter will be supporting JHCH.

A Bakers Delight store displays their support



Moving on – Sara's journey

Sara Brazier was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at 16 months of age and started visiting John Hunter Children's Hospital in 1994 where she only saw a therapist.

That changed in 1998 when Sara, who travels with her family from Guyra for treatment, started seeing Dr Eric Ho.

For three years Sara had a series of plaster casting, which stayed on her legs for two weeks at a time.

In February 2001 Sarah was one of the first patients at John



Sara and Dr Ho

Hunter Children's Hospital to use Botox injections.

Sara's mum Lorraine said travelling five hours for treatment does have its advantages.

"Not only do we get to see Dr Ho, who has been a wonderful doctor and friend over the last 14 years, but we also have been able to stay at Ronald McDonald House where we also meet wonderful and caring people," Lorraine said.

Having CP has not held Sara back; she started swimming in 1999 and was officially classified in 2004 where she joined the Hunter Valley Special Olympics Team.

In 2006 Sara won the Guyra junior sportsperson of the year as part of the Australia Day Awards for her achievement in the pool.

"Her biggest achievement in swimming was in 2009; she went to Narooma and won a gold medal in the 50 metre breaststroke, which qualified



Sara's last appointment with Dr Ho

her to attend the 2010 National Games in Adelaide," Lorraine said.

"In Adelaide Sara won a silver medal in the 50 metre breaststroke and bronze in the 4x50 metre relay team, a great experience," she said.

Sara has also been the recipient of a scholarship to undertake a veterinary course in animal care and participates in a work placement program.

Now Sara is at the age where

she will transition in to adult healthcare.

"As a parent we never give up and neither does Sara," Lorraine said.

"Sara is where she is today from travelling to Newcastle for treatment and for Dr Ho believing he could make a difference, and believe me he has.

"Thanks Dr Ho, you may not be our doctor anymore but you will always be a friend," she said.

Diabetes Research Update

The Diabetes team at John Hunter Children's Hospital thrilled families at their annual research update with special guests Rob Palmer from Better Homes and Gardens and Matt Vogel who won the 2007 Race Across America as part of an all Type 1 diabetes cycling team.

Rob was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was seven years old. However this has not prevented him from fulfilling

his goals and living life to the fullest. He is a successful TV presenter and builder and a great supporter of diabetes organisations through which he raises awareness of diabetes in Australia.

Matt was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in early adolescence. Determined to succeed, Matt never let diabetes get in his way. The Race Across America stretches for nearly 5000

kilometres, and Matt uses this accomplishment to assist in

motivating others who live with diabetes.

Rob Palmer and Matt Vogel with the diabetes team



Bunnings and Dulux add to Art

The fundraising efforts of Bunnings Kotara and Dulux raised \$2,160 for Art Therapy at John Hunter Children's Hospital. From every sale of a particular

paint can size, \$2 is donated to the Children's Hospital. This initiative has been run for the past three years.

Will Cook and Michelle Perrin



NSW Fire & Rescue

A visit from a fireman turned doctor order and provided a great distraction from the routine of being in hospital. Bob Murray, Area Commander, Metro 1 Newcastle together with Bev Creagh, Fundraising Coordinator and some of the fire crew from the Mayfield station visited the children's hospital and took some time to visit some of the children on the wards.

They then presented a donation of \$21,000 to Paul Widseth, Nursing Unit Manager of Ward J2. The donation is made up of fundraising from their annual ball and staff payroll deductions. The 2011 donation will assist with the upgrade of Burns Service treatment room on Ward J2.

NSW Fire and Rescue with NUM Paul Widseth



Child and Family Health Team reopen books

For a six month period in 2011 the Child and Family Health Team closed their books during a review of the service. In that time the Team was able to refine processes, recruit new staff where vacancies existed and review their core business criteria and service delivery model.

The Child and Family Health Team have now reopened their books and welcome any new referrals that are received. For further information visit <http://www.kaleidoscope.org.au/privateAccessGP/ambulatory-clinicdirectory.cfm>.

Captain's Column



Greetings earthlings, Captain Starlight here and welcome to another captain's column, keeping you up to date with all the fun and awesome things that have been happening in the starlight room!

We have had an action packed past couple of months. During February we celebrated the month of LOVE with a Valentine's Day cook off with the Children's hospital schoolroom. It didn't take much convincing to gain more kids on the Captain's team. With hours of heckling and sabotage efforts we realise our team wasn't going to win! But all in good fun! Donna Meehan the Aboriginal liaison officer at the John Hunter Children's Hospital also joined us; to bring awareness to "Sorry Day", and talk about her life story.

As usual we have some pretty crazy/exciting visitors and this

month was no exception, Scooby-Doo graced the halls of The Children's Hospital getting happy snaps, visiting starlight room and the children by their beds!

Captain Gigglepots turned another year younger this month (6744) and the only way to celebrate was with a surprise pyjama party!!!! We organised for the schoolroom and any kids in hospital to come and hide out in the Starlight Room while we sent her on a bogus mission, when she returned she was so surprised!!!! There were lollies and cake and truth or dare and pin the snout on Captain Gigglepots face!!!! Just like a real earth sleepover!!!!

That sums up all the exciting things happening up until now!! Until next time - signing out.

Newcastle Captains
Captain Starlight

Volunteer News

By Volunteer Coordinator Naomi Pope

If you think you are seeing spots, you could be right... we have two Dalmatians visiting our Children's wards on a regular basis.



Miss Millie and Keith

that is celebrated around the world as a day to recognise the contribution of volunteers in their communities. Our morning tea was no exception with a substantial turnout and included volunteers from all of our programs.

DELTA PUPS

Congratulations to Louise MacLeod (Delta Volunteer) on the birth of five healthy pups courtesy of Meg. All are doing well and we are excited at the prospect of having a new pup in training.



Meg and her babies

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY AND CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Each year we celebrate the achievements of volunteers to coincide with International Volunteer day. December 5 is a United Nations auspiced day

Cardiff Women's Bowling Club

Every year in October a very special group of ladies at the Cardiff Bowling club hold a fundraising day for the Children's Hospital. At the morning tea prior to playing, guests they heard about how their annual donations now totalling nearly \$20,000 have been used by our Play Therapy and Oncology Departments. In December members of the Women's Bowling committee

visited the Children's Hospital to present a cheque for \$1,400 to Veronica Oakley, Play Therapist. By all reports the Bowls Day was a great success and all the supporters made it a fabulous day.

Cardiff Fishing Club, Cardiff Men's Bowling Club, Newcastle Engineering, "The Nevilles" and all the bowlers who took part in the day.

Hunter Expressway Alliance

Work starts very early at the Hunter Expressway Alliance Buchanan head office site. At a breakfast gathering just before Christmas a large number of workers from all over the Hunter Expressway project enjoyed a cooked breakfast, heard about the projects achievements and participate in a monster raffle raising funds for the Children's Hospital.

The workers raised \$31,723 in a mammoth fundraising effort

to support the John Hunter Children's Hospital. Then Thiess Pty Ltd, a leading partner in the Hunter Expressway Alliance, topped that amount with an extra \$30,277, thereby taking the donation to \$62,000. The donation enabled the Respiratory Sleep Lab to purchase three Transcutaneous Carbon Dioxide monitors valued at \$20,500 each.

The Hunter Expressway team hands over the cheque



Nutri-Grain Surf Series competitors visit

Prior to battling the surf at Newcastle Beach, Ironman Matt Poole and Ironwoman Candice Falzon visited John Hunter Children's Hospital in January 2012.

Matt and Candice visited the day before competition on a Saturday and livened up the more quite weekend wards.

Matt Poole and Candice Falzon visit JHCH



Donation summary (Nov to Jan)

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH TEAM WALLSEND

- Cooper Hoffman Powell

ART THERAPY PROGRAM

- Cystic Fibrosis Race Day
- Dulux Group
- Newcastle 50's Rock'n'Roll Club
- R J Hann - Hann Insurance Brokers
- Merewether Golf Club
- SNL Building Constructions Pty Ltd
- AIM Accounting & Taxation
- Bright Buttons
- Budgewoi Playgroup
- Wallabies Preschool
- Dora Creek Pharmacy
- Paul and Helen Arkley
- Action Creative Solutions

IN MEMORY

- Colin Gardner
- Nola Dillion

JOHN HUNTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - GENERAL FUND

- Nekon Pty Ltd
- Redhead Womens Bowling Club
- Belair Public School
- WT Howard Funerals
- Lambton Senior Citizens
- Charity Greeting Cards Pty Ltd
- Kiwanis Club of Newcastle Inc
- Partners/Wives of the ex Hamilton Rotary Club
- State Transit Authority

- OLOL Catholic Womens Social Group
- Kindy Patch Medowie
- Sanitarium Health Food Co
- Thiess Pty Ltd
- Lucas Coleman
- BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal Community Fund
- Maitland Repertory Theatre Inc
- Blackmores Ltd Staff Community Chest
- Armaguard Newcastle
- Hamilton Broadmeadow Parish Uniting Church
- Gallipoli Legion Club Newcastle Ltd
- Morisset Country Club
- Woolworths Limited

PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

- The Nicholas Butters Trust Fund

EVERYDAY HERO

- various EFT donations

ONCOLOGY BEAD PROGRAM

- Wangi Shores in memory of Ailsa Bargawanna
- Wangi Women's Bowling Club

PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY

- Peter & Lynn Pobjie
- Glendale East Public School
- National Australia Bank Limited - Glendale
- Swansea Kids with Cancer Support Group

- Pauline E Walker
- Lake Munmorah & Dist Senior Citizens Club Inc
- Pallet Logistics

SPINA BIFIDA

- Barrie Barnett

KALEIDOSCOPE AREA

- Libby Hayes - Excel Hunter Tours
- Church of the Good Shepherd Handcraft Group
- Karuah & District RSL Women's Bowling Club
- Maitland Saleyards
- Kaleidoscope Kids
- Lake Macquarie Girl Guides
- Katherine Searl
- Charlestown Primary School
- Sam Taylor

MUSIC THERAPY

- Mildean Pty Ltd
- D Wyborn Rotaclean
- Tomahawk Property Maintenance and Lock Installations
- Contemporary Stainless Solutions Pty Ltd
- Troy Lowrey
- Kahibah Women's Bowling Club
- NHS Plasterboard & Timber

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

- Steve & Carlie Lawler
- Mothers Union in Aust Diocese of Newcastle

- Robyn Pridue - in loving memory of Beau Pridue
- LJ & MJ Brown
- Andrew Nash Clinic
- Brodie Merrett and Montana Gagelar
- Teralba Craft
- Newcastle GIO Fund Raiser

PAEDIATRIC BURNS SERVICE

- Fire & Rescue NSW

ONCOLOGY PLAY THERAPY

- Cardiff Women's Bowling Club
- JHCH Kids Club
- Darren & Emily Brollo

PAEDIATRIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS

- Mid North Coast Country Music Assoc
- LJ Hooker

PAEDIATRIC DIABETES CLINIC

- Nulkaba Primary School

PAEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

- Live for Kids

PLAY THERAPY PROGRAM

- Suzuki Talent Education
- JHCH Kids Club
- Newcastle Dental Clinic

Christmas Party Day 2011 through a lens

Smiles, laughter and fun were the order of the day on 15 December for the Children's Hospital annual Christmas Party Day.

Donations of gifts from the community this year exceeded expectations with all patients in hospital on Party Day and Christmas Day thanking their lucky stars that Santa was still able to find them.

Party Day though was just that, a non-stop feast of entertainment, visitors and a special treat of party food. The Starlight Room rocked with Short Stack frontman Shaun Diviney exciting the audience with a song, autographs and photos. The wards had a non-stop stream of visitors, with the Newcastle Jets (A-League and W-League players), Star

Wars characters, Henry Hound Dog, Big Dog, Bunnings, Prime Possum and Kurt Fearnley.

An obvious favourite was Santa and Mrs Claus who did their regular trip throughout the hospital, providing every child and young person with a gift. The Australian Reptile Park adults and children

excited with the visit from a wombat and possum. Matilda the wombat first visited as a joey, she was much smaller than her Christmas visit, but still remained a crowd favourite.

The smiles through photography represent the joy of Christmas Party Day.



Christmas Party Day 2011 through a lens (continued)



Lord Mayor drops by Christmas Party

The Diabetes Team had a visit from Lord Mayor of Newcastle John Tate who dropped by Lambton Pool to celebrate with patients and staff.

The Mayor rode in on his motorbike on the way back from Santa's Toy Run in the city.

The Lord Mayor with the Diabetes Team



Newcastle Buses

The Christmas Bus usually arrives at John Hunter Children's Hospital with Santa, elves and boxes of toys. This year when the Christmas Bus arrived not only did it bring the usual Christmas cheer and staff dressed for the occasion but also a wonderful donation, collected from the staff of

Newcastle Buses and Ferries, enabling the Children's Hospital to purchase much needed equipment from the "wishlist". A donation totalling \$1,700 was used to purchase a Heavy Duty Forearm Walker for the Paediatric Physiotherapy and two Porta Neb Systems for the Paediatric Respiratory Team.



The Newcastle Buses team on their annual visit

Christmas at the Maitland Hospital

With Christmas fast approaching Santa made a trial run to The Maitland Hospital Paediatric and Special Care Nursery units. He arrived with his helpers from Woolworths who transported presents from the sleigh into the hospital for all children that were admitted over the Christmas period. He visited the Emergency Ward where adults and children were delighted to have the jolly man spreading his cheer at their bedside.

Babies in the special care nursery did not miss out on their first Santa photos; however they did all sleep peacefully through eager parents snapping many shots of Santa beside their cots! This left many siblings delighted with the opportunity to have one on one time with Santa and get in their personal requests for Christmas presents. They then partake in the enormous chocolate cake that Woolworths and Santa delivered.

The paediatric ward was turned into Santa's workshop with busy nurse elves helping to ensure that all children admitted over the festive season were provided with a gift. Parents were given the opportunity to come and pick the present and either have it wrapped and given to the child there and then or be placed under the tree at home for Christmas morning.

The Paediatric and Special Care Nursery wish to thank all those that have contributed to the smooth running of the units over 2011.

Plans for 2012 will see the finishing of the Nicholas trust Palliative Care room, the renovations for the Special Care Nursery with establishment of two new rooming in rooms in the unit and provision of dining and family room.



Christmas Giving

Once again our generous community gave gifts to brighten a sick child's day at Christmas time. Donated gifts included something for everyone from Barbie dolls and Fairy wings to Dinosaurs and Lego sets! So a very big thank

you to all those wonderful people who gave gifts to the Children's Hospital including Paul & Helen Arkley, AAMI Insurance, Sue and Lisa from Waterdale, Bunnings Kotara and Glendale, Nell Purvis, Muree Ladies Golf Club.

FACT SHEET – April 2012

HNE Children, Young People and Families Health Services

In an effort to better integrate services that link the domains of paediatrics, children, young people and family health, violence prevention and care services across HNE a new directorate named Children, Young People and Families Health Services has been formed.

Professor Trish Davidson has been appointed to the role of HNE Director of Children, Young People and Families Services and to the HNE Executive Leadership Team.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The creation of a dedicated directorate within HNE will enable a stronger spotlight on issues and services for children, young people and families across the district. Benefits of this new directorate include:

- Strengthening clinical leadership and enabling stronger advocacy of services for children, young people and families.
- Improving and strengthening engagement with paediatric/child health clinicians in regional and rural parts of the district.

- Improving involvement with clinicians and managers in networking systems and processes.
- Strengthening integration between acute and community services with consideration to new models of care within local communities.
- Improving mechanisms supporting clinical practice improvement (policies, guidelines, safety and quality), data collection, planning and performance issues.
- Creating one brand to include all services for children, young people and families across the District will be implemented; this will be known as Kaleidoscope – Children, Young People and Families Health Services. Further information on branding will be communicated to staff throughout 2012.
- Advocating for additional resources/services for children, young people and families.
- Enhancing clinicians' access to education, training and research opportunities.
- Facilitating improved communication with affiliated networks e.g. Mental Health, Critical Care, Maternity services etc.
- Reporting for District programs to the Ministry of Health and/or other agencies.

WHAT REPORTING STRUCTURES CHANGE?

The new governance framework preserves existing line management within Acute and Primary and Community Networks for regional and rural services. The Kaleidoscope metropolitan services along with Hunter Genetics, The Northern Child Health Network and the District Manager will now report to the Director of CYPF.

A Strategic Leadership team comprising clinicians and managers from CYPF services throughout the District will advise the Director on all matters pertaining to CYPF.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT FRONTLINE STAFF?

The day to day duties of frontline staff and their current reporting arrangements remain unchanged.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Professor Trish Davidson on 49214940 or Manager of Communication, PR and Fundraising, Lucas Coleman on 49213844.



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