

Child Health Annual Hui



Skin Project

Child Health Nurse Eczema Service

- Provided by Paediatric Community Nursing Service for more than a decade
- First service in NZ to do so
- Clinics developed in last 5 years
- Referrals increasingly from primary care
- Care includes advice and support for skin infection management, asthma, nutrition and other nursing support
- Referral to consultant, dietician and other professionals if required

Child Health Nurse Eczema Service

- Clinics provided weekly at Wellington & Kenepuru Hospitals
- Monthly outreach clinics with Maori and Pacific Health providers in Porirua & Strathmore
- Home visits provided as required

Child Health Nurse Eczema Service

- SECPHO (south east & city) eczema project (collaboration with nurse eczema clinic)
- On going collaboration with RPH skin infection project
- Practice Nurses & GP registrars have attended clinics to enhance their practice
- Teaching provided regularly to health professionals eg: Porirua Union Health Service

- The improved health outcomes for children and families who have used this service has increased the profile of paediatric community nurses in Wellington
- Health professionals across sectors have requested training in eczema (and skin infection management) and teaching tools
- This has improved consistency in management, collaboration and links between sectors & professionals
- Overall a more preventative and collaborative approach is being taken



Nurse Practitioner Candidate

Support from CCDHB, Child Health Directorate

- for NP candidate role - to develop NP role with focus on allergy speciality

Why?

- 20% of general paediatric referrals for allergy and/or eczema management - 2- 6 months waiting
- Evolve current collaboration between health sectors – child health integrated allergy and eczema services

Nurse Practitioner Candidate

- A NP works at the highest registered scope/level of *clinical* nursing practice
- An expert nurse with a clinical masters:
 - specialist allergy nursing skill & expertise
 - is able to diagnose, prescribe & manage conditions within scope of practise
- This role in child health will provide a more comprehensive service across the DHB