

NZDSN

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A message from the Chairman



Jonathan Mosen

I am immensely honoured and humbled to have been elected to the Chair of NZDSN at such a critical time.

I thank our former Chair, Sean Stowers, for his outstanding service to this organisation. He will be a hard act to follow.

I also extend my thanks to Karen Scott for the time she has served as Deputy Chair, and am glad we continue to have the benefit of her considerable experience on the Board. I know that Pip will also do brilliantly in the Deputy Chair role.

These are difficult and uncertain times for our sector. Members are counting on NZDSN to speak truth to power while also maintaining constructive relationships. Given that a change of Government is likely, there will be new Ministers to brief, and the public service may be instructed to find cost savings, our work is even more important than ever. There may also be new opportunities.

As a disabled person who is a former DPO Chair, I want to play a role in forging strategic advocacy partnerships. There are many occasions where the needs of consumers and providers are complementary. Consumers want quality services delivered in a timely manner, providers require the resources to deliver them. When we can unite, we are even more powerful.

The Board you have elected has considerable knowledge and skills, and our Chief Executive continues to champion the needs of our sector.

The times ahead will be challenging, but with your help, we will meet those challenges head-on and I look forward to it.

It is important that you know what NZDSN is doing and saying, and that we continue to engage with you, our members. As you will have heard in Peters' report at our AGM, we have some exciting ways to improve two-way communication and I look forward to those coming to fruition.

I appreciate your support. Thank you for being a part of NZDSN and for the vital mahi you do that makes our country better and fairer.

A message from our CEO



Peter Reynolds (CEO)

A busy month with our end-of-financial-year audit, AGM and a Board meeting yesterday, on top of meetings with Kainga Ora, the Abuse-in-Care team, trips to participate in regional provider network meetings in Nelson and Auckland, and (of course!) pay equity!

Firstly, let me congratulate Catherine Bennett and Sarah Hillier on their election to the NZDSN Board. And our thanks to retiring Board members John Taylor and our past Chair Sean Stowers.

The Board, at their first meeting post the AGM, have elected Jonathan Mosen (Workbridge) and Pip Stewart (Brackenridge) as incoming Chair and Deputy Chair.

We await the report from the Abuse-in-Care Royal Commission and anticipate

this will be a critical and sobering read. It will present recommendations that impact on our sector, so we need to be prepared and (where possible) ensure our voice is heard and taken into account in the final drafting of these recommendations. There is no room in our sector for abuse or neglect of disabled people receiving our support. At the same time, the restrictions placed Jonathan Mosen environment of significant underinvestment has to be seen as a major contributing Paper closed in March this year. The Law Commission had been targeting this October for release of their Second Issues Paper. They have now decided to release it in January next year.

The Second Issues Paper will ask about proposed options for reform. This revised timing reflects the wide scope of the review, the complexity of the policy work involved in developing these options, and the importance of facilitating engagement on them by a wide range of stakeholders.

In light of this revised timing, the Commission now intend to deliver their final report to the Minister by the end of 2024.

We will let you know when the Second Issues Paper is published next January. The consultation period is expected to be about ten weeks, primarily in February and March. NZDSN will be soliciting views on this Second Issues Paper as part of the Review from members and submitting on your behalf.

Other News

The Regional Network meetings continue, and the next meetings are:

Auckland

REGISTER NOW for 15th November 2023.

Any Queries please contact Kristi aucklandproviders@nzdsn.org.nz

These meetings will be face to face where possible but via zoom when necessary.

Lower North Island

Please book for these events here www.nzdsn.org.nz/events

Venue: Community Connections 5 Sheffield St, Paraparaumu or Zoom if required

Times/ Date as below:

- Friday 17 November 2023
10:30am – 12:30pm **REGISTER NOW**

Northland

Please contact Adam.Dade@northable.org.nz
For updates

Waikato

Date: Thursday 16 November **Time:** 10am – 2pm **Venue:** Community Living (180 Collingwood Street, Hamilton WAIKATO 3204, New Zealand)

Manawatu

Please contact Mike on mike@options.org.nz for more details.

- Monday 30 October 2023
- Monday 27 November 2023

Nelson

Bookings for these events are not open at this time, please contact Karen.Bailey@nmdhb.govt.nz for updates

Times/dates for 2023 as below.

These meetings will be via zoom.

Please email Karen

Bailey Karen.Bailey@nmdhb.govt.nz for the links

- Monday 9 October 11.30am – 1.00pm

Canterbury

Please contact Canterbury Providers cantdpn@gmail.com for more information.

- Wednesday 1 November 2023

Otago

Bookings for these events are not open at this time, please contact

info@cct.org.nz for updates

Times dates and venue will be advised in the new year.

Please note that registration for all of the regional meetings which require registration can be done via the [events](#) tab on the [NZDSN website](#)

The **PRIMHD hui** takes place in Pōneke Wellington next month. This event is being jointly hosted by Te Pou, the KPI Programme, Tūtohi, and Atamira Platform Trust. It promises to be engaging and insightful, looking at how data can be used to improve services and outcomes for people.

Nice to know...

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International Days In October

[WHO World Mental Health Day - 10 October 2023](#)

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilise efforts in support of mental health. The day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day/2023>

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