

Long Term Support – Chronic Health Conditions (LTS-CHC) and Disability Support Services (DSS) National Resolution Panel

Background

In 2007 the Ministry of Health (MoH) made the decision to allocate funding responsibility to District Health Boards (DHBs) for funding long-term support services for people aged <65 years with chronic health conditions. The funding stream is called *Long Term Supports – Chronic Health Conditions* (LTS CHC). Funding for LTS CHC was finally devolved to the DHBs in August 2011, and the MoH contracted the services of a LTS CHC National Review role for two years. This role was up for renewal 1 July 2013.

In February 2013 DHBs voted to disestablish the LTS CHC National Reviewer role and in its place establish a LTS CHC & DSS National Resolution Panel. This panel was established in late 2013.

Role of the Panel

An important role of the panel is to consider and make decisions on complex applications where the funding stream is unclear between the Ministry of Health's Disability Support Services and DHBs as to how the client's needs are funded. Another role is to use case studies to establish national policy / precedents / guidelines for future clients around funding decisions.

The Panel needs to be independent of District Health Boards and DSS, and Dr Peter Jones, Chief Advisor at the MoH (also a Rheumatologist) has been appointed as the Chair.

Current Panel Members

The Panel has a broad cross-section of expertise which currently includes regional DHB representatives, Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) and DSS representatives, a paediatrician, and a Rehabilitation Medicine Specialist. Other members may be co-opted to the Panel when additional expertise is required.

Name	Organisation
Dr Peter Jones - CHAIR	Chief Advisor, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health
Phil Wysocki	Manager, Service Access Team, Disability Support Services (DSS)
Jan White	Needs Assessment Services Coordinator (NASC) National Reviewer
Craig Johnson	General Manager Planning and Funding, Midland District Health Board
Dr Rosemary Marks	Developmental Paediatrician, Auckland District Health Board
Dr Cynthia Bennett	Clinical Head of Rehabilitation Counties Manukau District Health Board, Clinical Head of the Auckland Spinal Rehabilitation Unit
Alex Pimm	<u>Northern Region DHBs</u> General Manager Adult Community and Long Term Conditions
Jo Smith	<u>Central Region DHBs</u> – Senior Portfolio Manager, MDHB
Brent Gilbert-DeRios	<u>Midland Region DHBs</u> - Portfolio Manager Health of Older People and Disability
Jason Power	<u>South Island Region DHBs</u> - Planning & Funding Analyst

Making referrals to the Panel

A referral form is provided on this [link](#). The referral should contain full information about the case, and steps that have been taken to resolve the issue.

Care should be taken to ensure the information is confidential (for example by sending as a password protected file, or by deleting/ blacking out references to the person's name or location).