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To all District Health Board Child Health Leads

National SUDI Prevention Programme safe sleep device data collection and reporting changes

This letter is a reminder to District Health Boards (DHBs) that the new Ministry of Health (Ministry) safe sleep device data collection and reporting requirements for the National SUDI Prevention Programme (NSPP) commences from 1 January 2019.

Over the past eight years, most DHBs have supplied Pepi-Pod® data to Change for our Children as part of a Participation Agreement to deliver the Pepi-Pod® programme. This letter also notifies DHBs that Change for our Children will no longer require Pepi-Pod® data from DHBs. This means that DHBs and their subcontracted providers need only collect and report safe sleep device data required through the NSPP. The Ministry and Change for our Children jointly made this decision to eliminate duplication of safe sleep device data collection and reporting.

The Ministry acknowledges that the Pepi-Pod® programme, as implemented by Change for our Children has been an important component in supporting DHBs to provide safe sleep devices to vulnerable whānau and ensuring monitoring of equitable access and accountability. The safe sleep programme arrangements between Change for Our Children and DHBs have been more than the provision of a Pepi-Pod® having also supported the uptake and spread of safe sleep knowledge and practice within DHB priority populations. The Ministry notes that Change for our Children has also worked closely with DHB implementation teams with programme-specific training, web-based materials and the meeting of standards.

The Ministry recommends that DHBs continue to work with Change for our Children to apply the core components of the Pepi-Pod® programme to local DHB service provision. Change for our Children will also offer a simplified data service on an 'opt-in' basis to those DHBs wanting to continue with quarterly updates for quality improvement purposes. Change for our Children has recently written to DHBs child health leads about how they will continue to support DHBs at a service level.

For your information, I have attached an overview of the NSPP safe sleep device data collection process. I have also attached a final national monitoring template for DHBs to populate and send to the Ministry every six months commencing 20 July 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support towards the NSPP this year and I wish you and your whānau an enjoyable and relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period.

Nāku noa, nā



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National SUDI Prevention Programme data collection requirements

To enable the Ministry to monitor service coverage particularly for high risk populations and the quality of safe sleep device provision across New Zealand and by DHB region, DHBs will provide the following information in relation to the provision of safe sleep devices.

- NHI of mother
- NHI of baby
- Date of assessment
- Family accepted a safe sleep device
- Type of safe sleep device provided
- Date safe sleep device was provided.

NHI level reporting is due on 20 July of each contract year following the end of the six months from 1 January to 30 June, and 20 January of each contract year following the end of the six months from 1 July to 31 December. The first datasets are due to the Ministry by 20 July 2019 covering the prior six months.

DHB subcontracted providers will provide the data to DHBs and DHBs will consolidate the data and submit it to the Ministry (sudi@moh.govt.nz) via the monitoring template. Because the monitoring requirements require NHI level information, the Ministry will work with DHB technical teams over the coming months to ensure that secure protocols to transfer data from DHBs to the Ministry are in place. Providers subcontracted by DHBs are expected to comply with their organisation and DHB data secure file transfer management protocols to ensure data privacy protocols are established and maintained.