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Dear General Practice Team

We want to introduce you to LinKIDS Canterbury.

LinKIDS is a child health coordination service, working in the Canterbury region. It is focused on connecting children with health services and to ensure children receive services in a timely manner.

LinKIDS have three main focus areas:

- **Connecting children to health services** - this occurs as follows
 - At birth via the New Born Enrolment process - with children being enrolled in New-born hearing screening, Well Child Tamariki Ora, National Immunisation Register, Community Dental and General Practice via the NIR notification.
 - Identified children new to Canterbury either from overseas or moved from within New Zealand
- **Supporting Families who are not engaging with health services including Immunisation, Oral Health, B4SC or Rheumatic Fever**
- **Referral Pathway to Services – this includes referrals to the Young Parents Support Service.**

Why is it important for general practice to know about LinKIDS?

General practice work with all these families and need to know that LinKIDS exists. If you had a family who is not engaging in health services, you can refer these to LinKIDS.

To support General Practice we have also developed a LinKIDS brochures, which provides information for families who are new to our region. We have included some copies of this for you.

What we need from you?

General Practice are often the first to know if a family is leaving our DHB or new to the DHB. Currently General Practice share patient transfer information with the NIR. Due to LinKIDS it is even more important that this information is shared regularly. The NIR has developed a patient Transfer template, to streamline this process. Patient transfers should be shared with the NIR no less than monthly. Please find attached:

- New-born Enrolment Form
- LinKIDS Brochure
- Young Parents Support Service Referral Form
- NIR Transfer notification list

The LinKIDS team is happy to pop out and talk to your team, if you want us too.

If you have any questions please contact us on

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Yours sincerely

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