

Development Project 'Responding to the Wilson Report 2011 – Services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children Stakeholder Update (5)

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Introduction

Here is the latest information on the two-year Development Project 'Responding to the Wilson Report 2011 – Services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children run by Acting Practice Leader AoDC Mark Douglas. This is the fifth project update.

Key Activities 29th May 2013

- Pilots have been established by the Ministry of Education and the Deaf Education Centres in the Waikato District and the Hawkes Bay District to explore and trial the re-definitions of roles and responsibilities in service provision for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and their families / whānau. The Pilots will run for Term Two and Term Three 2013.
- This is an agreed action point developed by the Ministry of Education and the Deaf Education Centres as outlined in the Draft National Statement for Direction (2012).
- Evaluation of the Pilots will take place during August and September 2013.
- Work with the Deaf Education Centres and key Ministry of Education personnel on an implementation strategy following the evaluation of the Pilots will take place September to November 2013.

Project background

- The AoDC Development Project is part of the Ministry of Education's focus on developing and providing a good mix of services to achieve the best educational outcomes for deaf children and young people across New Zealand.
- The purpose of the project is to identify recommendations from the *Wilson Report – Review of the Role of the Adviser on Deaf Children, 2011* that will form the basis of an implementation strategy.
- The project's outcomes will complement the range of services and support currently available for deaf children and young people.

Project aims

- To clarify and differentiate between the Advisers on Deaf Children and Resource Teachers of the Deaf roles.
- To ensure that deaf education services are more consistent
- To explore a shift to service provision with an Early Years focus for AoDC.
- To clarify the AoDC role with school-aged children.
- To develop a framework of services that seamlessly links the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Programme, early identification and the Ministry of Education's Early Years services.

The Development Project 'Responding to the Wilson Report 2011 – Services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children is underpinned by findings from the Government's *Review of Special Education, 2010* and recommendations in the *Wilson Report – Review of the Role of the Adviser on Deaf Children, 2011*.

Project stakeholders

A range of people and organisations are central to and will continue to be consulted throughout this project.

They are New Zealand Federation for Deaf Children Inc., Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand, van Ash Deaf Education Centre, Kelston Deaf Education Centre, Northern Cochlear Implant Programme, Southern Cochlear Implant Programme, District Health Board Audiologists, MoE, NZEI, NZ Association Advisers on Deaf Children.

Latest project outcomes (February to May)

- Overview of service provision for Pilots completed.
- Communications re Pilots completed.
- Pilot Spread Sheet established.
- Professional development for Pilots identified.
- Resourcing requirements for Pilots identified.
- Pilot Management Team established.

Next steps (May to August 2013)

- Changes to roles and responsibilities as outlined in the 'Draft National Statement of Direction' to be trialled in the two Pilots.
- Midpoint evaluation of Pilots - July 2013.
- Full evaluation of Pilots - August / September 2013
- Work with Deaf Education Centres and key MoE personnel on an implementation strategy based on Pilot outcomes - September to November 2013.

Communication with stakeholders

The next stakeholder update (6) will be sent out in September 2013.

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