

Aide-Mémoire

Meeting with the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association

Date due to MO:	25 July 2024	Action required by:	N/A
Security level:	IN CONFIDENCE	Health Report number:	H2024044476
To:	Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health		
Consulted:	Health New Zealand: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Contact for telephone discussion

Name	Position	Telephone
Robyn Shearer	Deputy Director-General Clinical, Community and Mental Health - Te Pou Whakakaha	s 9(2)(a)
Martin Chadwick	Chief Allied Health Professions Officer Clinical, Community and Mental Health - Te Pou Whakakaha	s 9(2)(a)

Aide-Mémoire

Meeting with the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association

Date due: 25 July 2024

To: Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health

Security level: IN CONFIDENCE **Health Report number:** H2024044476

Details of meeting: Tuesday 30 July, 9.00am to 9.30am
6.6, Executive Wing, Parliament

Attendees: Siobhan Molloy, Executive Director, New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association

Emma Quigan, Co-President, New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association

Libby Coates, Professional Development Portfolio Lead, New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association

Official Representatives: Dr Martin Chadwick, Chief Allied Health Professions Officer at the Ministry of Health will attend this meeting via a Teams link.

Lauren Hancock, Clinical Principal Advisor, Allied Health at the Ministry of Health will attend this meeting in person.

Jacqui Lunday-Johnstone, National Chief Allied Health, Scientific & Technical Officer at Health New Zealand will attend this meeting via a Teams link

Purpose of meeting/proposal: This is an introductory meeting with the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association. The Association has indicated it would like to discuss workforce concerns, including the training pipeline and job opportunities within New Zealand. These concerns have been outlined in a business case they provided along with their invitation to meet with you, which focused on the need to increase the speech-language therapy workforce.

Comment: This aide-mémoire discloses all relevant information.

Context

1. The New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association (NZSTA) is the largest professional community of speech-language therapists in Aotearoa New Zealand, with more than 1150 members and student subscribers.
2. Speech-language therapy does not fall under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act. The profession is self-regulated by the NZSTA, which oversees the registration of over 1,000 registered speech-language therapists.
3. NZSTA members are from a broad range of speech-language therapy practice areas that work across the lifespan and across multiple sectors such as health, justice, and education.
4. The NZSTA is committed to excellence in speech-language and swallowing care, enabling people with communication and swallowing difficulties to participate in their communities.
5. The NZSTA sets ethical and professional standards of practice for its members, advocating on communication and swallowing health care matters, and providing accountability, professional development, practice resources and guidelines.
6. Please refer to Appendix 1 for information on NZSTA meeting attendees.

Talking points and potential topics of conversation

7. Talking points and potential topics of conversation likely to be raised by attendees is attached as Appendix 2.



Robyn Shearer
Deputy Director-General

Clinical, Community and Mental Health |

Te Pou Whakakaha

Date: 23 July 2024

Appendix 1 - Attendees

New Zealand Speech-language Therapy Association (NZSTA)

Siobhan Molloy, Executive Director

Siobhan is the first Executive Director for the NZSTA. She is a speech-language therapist by background, and she practiced in both health and education settings.

Prior to taking on her current role with NZSTA Siobhan held a number of executive director roles across the health system. She has increased the professional advocacy and awareness activities of the NZSTA along with supporting the association to strengthen its regulatory functions.



Emma Quigan, Co-President

In addition to her role as Co-President of the NZSTA, Emma is also the work-integrated learning coordinator - speech and language therapy at Massey University, coordinating all student clinical placements.

Her clinical interests include communication support for children and their whānau and teachers in the early years through to school, holistic approaches to therapy, and coaching.



Libby Coates, Professional Development Portfolio Lead


Libby has taken on the Professional Development portfolio for the NZSTA to build on her passion for coaching and continuing professional education, along with her experience sitting as the Health representative on the association's Programme Accreditation Committee.

Currently she works as the Professional Lead for Speech-language Therapy at Te Whatu Ora - Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley. Libby has over 10 years of experience working as a speech-language therapist in acute care settings.



Appendix 2 - Talking points and potential topics of conversation

s 9(2)(g)(i)



PROACTIVELY RELEASED

PROACTIVELY RELEASED