



**OHCAN**  
**Oral Health Clinical  
Advisory Network**

**Biennial hui  
Wellington  
20 February 2023**

<b>9.30</b>	OHCAN update	<i>Moira Smith</i> Chair OHCAN
<b>10.00</b>	Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health update Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand update	<i>Riana Clarke</i> National Clinical Director Oral Health Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health National Clinical Director Oral Health Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand  <i>Deborah Woodley</i> Interim Director Population Health Programmes, Commissioning Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand
<b>11.00-11.15</b>	Te Ao Mārama update	<i>Leeann Waaka</i> Tūmuaki Te Ao Mārama NZ Māori Dental Association
<b>11.30</b>	Oral Health Workforce in the Northern Region: a current state analysis	<i>Naomi Heap</i> Project Manager Te Whatu Ora Northern Region, Workforce Development
<b>12.15-12.45</b>	Oral health research: what more do we need to know?	<i>Jonathan Broadbent</i> Professor Dental Public Health and Epidemiology Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago
<b>1.15</b>	OHCAN work plan planning session	
<b>3.00</b>	Wrap up, final questions/discussion	
<b>3.30</b>	Karakia/Close	

# OHCAN

*A network of professionals from the oral health sector working in, or having an interest in, publicly-funded dental services in New Zealand.*

*OHCAN upholds the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, by encompassing the principles of partnership, participation and protection. These principles will underpin all of the project work, including networking with Māori.*

# Membership

- Interest or working in the public oral health sector, clinical or non-clinical
- Receiving public funds to provide oral health services (e.g CDA)
- Approx. 250 members

# Purpose of executive

*The Executive provides*

- *clinical leadership to the oral health sector and advice to the Ministry of Health on oral health issues, with a particular emphasis on publicly-funded oral health services*
- *also provide independent advice on oral health matters directly to the Minister of Health if necessary*

# 2021/22 Executive

- Limited to 8 members
- Skills, experience and expertise-based
  - not 'hats'/representative
- Should reflect the geographic spread of services.
- Co-opt additional members as and when required
- Ex-officio members
  - National Clinical Director of Oral Health and Team Leader, Oral Health Ministry of Health
  - Planning and Funding



**Moira Smith**

CHAIR



**Lester Settle**

CO CHAIR



**Jennifer Norris**

EXECUTIVE



**Kathy Fuge**

EXECUTIVE

*Ex-officio*

**Deepa Hughes**  
Youth Health and Oral  
Health, Planning, Funding  
& Outcomes  
Te Toka Tumai &  
Waitematā Districts

**Riana Clarke**

**Emily Welch**  
(Ben Volz)



**Katie Ayers**

EXECUTIVE



**Jonathan  
Broadbent**

EXECUTIVE



**Pauline Koopu**

EXECUTIVE



**Samuel  
Carrington**

EXECUTIVE

# Executive roles

- Identify priority areas to be addressed in consultation with the sector
- Develop a work programme that identifies specific work or topic areas to be addressed, including deliverables, timeframes, funding implications and implementation plans where appropriate
- Oversee the work of any sub-groups or third parties undertaking work on behalf of the Executive
- Communicate with the sector about key initiatives being undertaken
- Make recommendations to the Ministry of Health or Minister of Health as appropriate.



# What's been happening?

## **Oral health services workstream**

High Needs and Vulnerable Meeting July 2019

## **Older people/primary care**

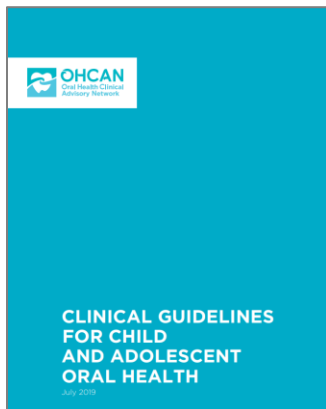
Strategies to improve the oral health of older New Zealanders

## **Clinical Guidelines**

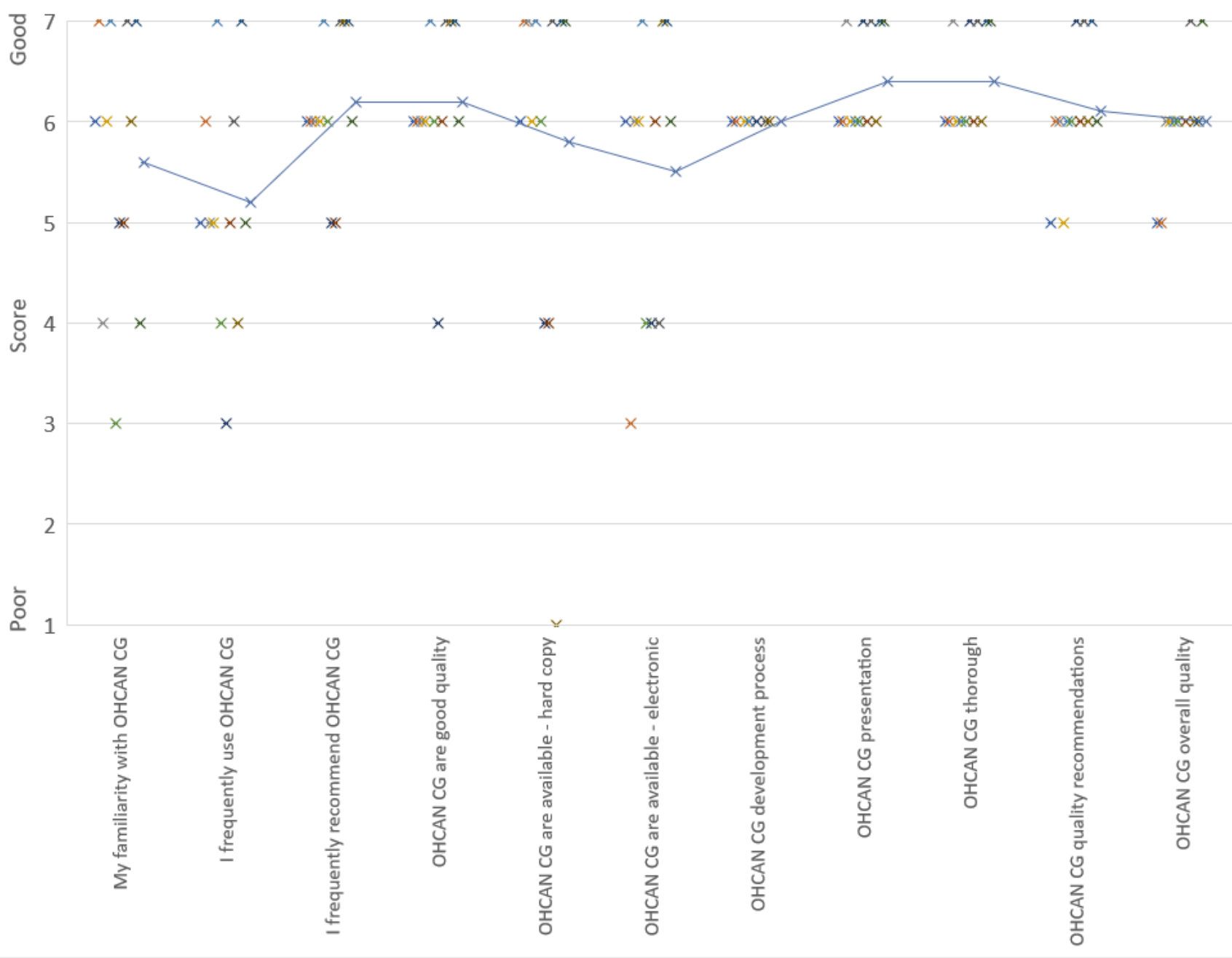
Evaluation of Child and Adolescent Oral Health Guidelines using

The AGREE Global Rating Scale Instrument (AGREE GRS) is a short item tool to evaluate the quality and reporting of practice guidelines.

<https://www.agreetrust.org/resource-centre/agree-ii-grs-instrument/>



AGREE-II items, guideline assessment for OHCAN clinical guidelines



# What's been happening?

## **Telehealth/teledentistry**

MoH sought more information to inform Telehealth Group

Summer student project Alice Horncastle

Aimed to

- determine how teledentistry is being used in NZ
- what oral health practitioners working in NZ think about teledentistry
- the barriers and benefits of teledentistry, and practitioners' views on the long-term utility and feasibility of teledentistry in NZ
- the support required to progress its use.

Survey (n=201) + interviews (n=6)

# What's been happening?

## **Telehealth/teledentistry**

- Results showed
  - oral health practitioners used teledentistry regularly and believed its use had many individual and system-level benefits
  - there was a general lack of knowledge and concerns surrounding its risk and regulation.

# What's been happening?

## **Submissions**

Ministry of Education, *Changes to the promotion and provision of healthy drinks in schools*

Health and Disability Systems Review

Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill

## **Other**

ACC (co-payments, trauma guidelines, specialist schedule of fees)

[Response awaiting sign-off]

# Issues frequently raised and discussed at meetings

Support for Aotearoa SDF Advocacy Group → guidelines

Electronic Oral Health Record Project

Service Specification reviews

Workforce

Health system reform and subsequent progress

where does oral health fit/sit???

challenge, but also opportunity to intervene

# What's been happening?

## **Participated in research project**

*Supporting the oral health sector's commitment to equity*

Te Ao Mārama, Māori Oral Health Quality Improvement Group, University of Otago

- To understand
  - current or planned actions or commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
  - current or planned equity-oriented actions or commitment to equity
  - potential for intervention and readiness for change
- Identify gaps and opportunities for support

Received set of recommendations and suggested actions to ensure OHCAN meets its obligation to Māori and Te Tiriti, and health equity

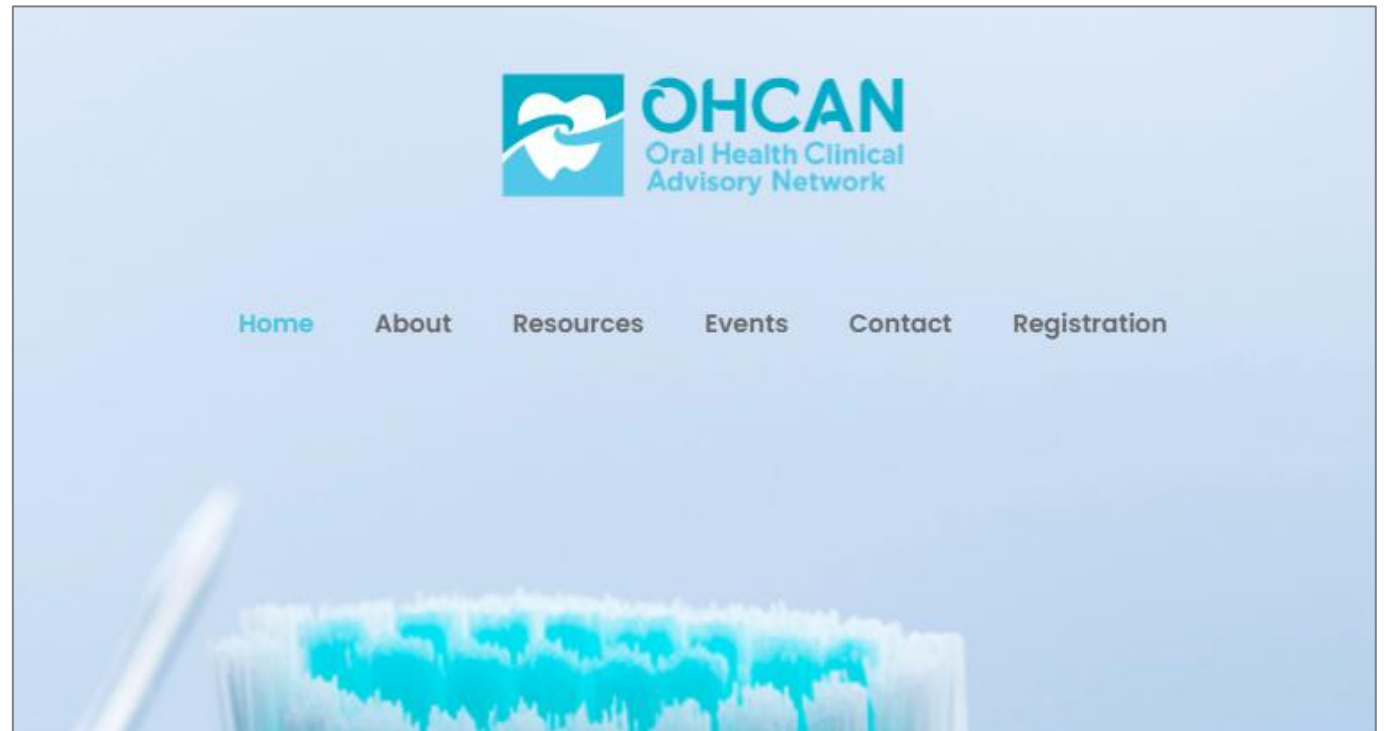
→ OHCAN Terms of Reference

# What's been happening?

## Membership services

- new website (2019)
- registration page

[www.ohcan.org.nz](http://www.ohcan.org.nz)





# What do we need to do soon?

- Elect new Executive
  - 2-yearly
- Review Terms of Reference
- Develop an annual workplan
  
- Contract renewal
  - Current contract ends end of June 2024
  - Uncertain at this stage
- Decide when to hold elections and ToR review

# Possible work streams

- Underpinned by
  - Equity and obligations to Te Tiriti
    - Within the organisation (ToRs) and work streams
  - Evidence
- Workforce
- Internal
  - Membership (administration)
  - Communication
- SDF Clinical Guidelines
- ?Other guidelines
- Oral health services – populations, oral conditions/disciplines

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Work stream planning

## **Work plan requirements**

The Executive will undertake work in areas that contribute to improving the quality of oral health outcomes in a framework of improving value for money by:

- developing and supporting leadership capability across the sector
- promoting evidence-based and best practice approaches to care
- promoting approaches to care that improve patient's experience of healthcare
- advocating for public health approaches to support oral health and improve population health
- facilitating national consistency
- supporting interdisciplinary understanding and teamwork
- providing advice or feedback to the Ministry on oral health policy.

Priority will be given to addressing topics that promote or advance improvements in:

- Quality and Safety, for example by reviewing take-up/application of existing quality and safety initiatives, identifying gaps (eg referrals or transfers of care)
- Equity and outcomes, for example by examining critical aspects of service access and service provision for groups with poorest oral health.
- Integration with primary care services, especially general practice
- Workforce capacity and deployment

While the Executive may address local issues from time to time, it is expected that issues for consideration will be those that are:

- of national or regional significance
- consistency of access and appropriateness of care
- developing benchmarks for levels and standards of service

# Identify...

- Key priorities
- Deliverables
- Milestones
- [Projected budget considerations]

# Work stream development

- Collectively, consensus driven

- In groups

1.00-1.45

Identify three work stream topics . Groups need to

1. Justify its prioritisation, including our obligations to Te Tiriti O Waitangi
2. Present topic and justifications

Top 5 or 6 priority topics selected

2.00-3.00 Groups work up a work plan for a topic

Internal and external topics