



Altogether Autism Information Coordination

Altogether Autism is pleased to advise that Autism New Zealand is to undertake provision of Information Coordination roles in regions throughout New Zealand under contract to Altogether Autism. This follows the recent disestablishment of ASD Advisor positions and the signalled transformation of the approach to provision of regional services.

Adri Isbister, LIFE Unlimited Chief Executive said that this new arrangement enhanced the regional availability of information about autism throughout New Zealand. There would be benefits for families and people with autism being able to access good quality evidence based information within their regions and have consistent regional get togethers and Hui. The integrity of the centralised specialist information service remains strong with all information requests under strict quality control and reviewed by the Professional Expert Group when required.

Richard Belton, Autism New Zealand, General Manager welcomed this further cooperation between the two organisations creating obvious benefits for the ASD community of a strong unified network of regional Information Coordination services.

Region	Contract Arrangement
Northland	Autism NZ
North Shore, West and Central Auckland, Manukau	Autism NZ
Waikato, King Country, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty, Lakes	Autism NZ
Manawatu, Whanganui, Taranaki, Wairarapa	Autism NZ
Hawkes Bay, Gisborne	LIFE Unlimited
Wellington, Hutt Valley, Porirua	Autism NZ
Nelson, West Coast	Autism NZ
Canterbury, Otago, Southland	Autism NZ

These arrangements will be up and running within the next two weeks.

In the meantime and at any time in the future enquiries can be made to

0800 ASD INFO 0800 273 463

Details of specific regional contact people and phone numbers will be advised as soon as possible, and will be updated on the Altogether Autism Website www.altogetherautism.org.nz as soon as they are available.