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### PSNZ POSITION STATEMENT ON STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSPORT OF CHILDREN

Please find attached a copy of the above position statement for your information and distribution to appropriate personnel within your DHB, in particular those responsible for the organization and funding of the transport of children between clinical services.

This document may be found online as a Position Statement at the PSNZ website.

In particular we would like to draw attention to the expectations of the PSNZ regarding:

- Knowledge and experience of the accompanying personnel,
- Clinical monitoring in transport, the provision of age appropriate vital sign charts and the recording of vital signs,
- Documentation of both vital signs and clinical management in transfer and expectations that this record remains part of the patient's medical record,
- Age and vehicle appropriate restraint of children during transport with emphasis on safe, best practice restraint,
- Provision for Family.

It is envisaged that these Guidelines be used both as a reference to inform clinical staff and planners in individual cases and as a basis for development of local procedures.

Thank you

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