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FLS executive election results

This year, the FLS received eleven nominations for the three vacancies on the executive committee. We are pleased to announce the [results](#) of the elections.

Congratulations to Andrew Finnie (Auckland), Mania Hope (Hamilton), and Susie Houghton (Auckland) on being elected to the FLS executive.

Thank you to the other candidates who also stood in the election. We hope you will consider re-standing in future elections.

Thank you also to the 464 FLS members who voted.

The next meeting of the FLS executive will be on 15 May where an election will take place for the offices of chair, deputy and treasurer.

Members of the executive

Kirsty Swadling (Chair) – Auckland
Caroline Hickman (Deputy) – Napier
Lauren Pegg (Treasurer) – Dunedin

Dr Allan Cooke (Editor and ex officio) – Manukau
Rachael Dewar - Wellington
Andrew Finnie – Auckland
Mania Hope – Hamilton
Susie Houghton – Auckland

Siobhan McNulty – Christchurch

Johan Niemand – Hamilton

Richard Smith – Invercargill

Shared parenting – section 70(1)(f) Health Act Order

Click [here](#) for a link to the latest order made under section 70(1)(f) of the Health Act 1956 on 4 April, by the Director General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, which includes a reference to shared care arrangements. Further guidance can be found [here](#).

Our interpretation of this latest order in terms of the “shared care bubble” is:

- Including two households only – no other movement
- All adults in the households have to consent to the shared care arrangement to take place
- The households must be in the same or adjacent Health Board Districts
- The shared care arrangement can be a visit only or stay for all or part of the period

There is also [guidance](#) for managing shared care on the ministry’s website. It appears there is some conflicting information but hopefully there may still be further clarification as the situation evolves. We will keep you updated on this.

The Principal Family Court Judge’s [statement](#), also contains additional information for parents and caregivers if a child is moving between households.

Kirsty Swadling

FLS Chair