



## **Canterbury Child and Youth Mortality Review Group (CYMRG)**

The Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee (CYMRC) is a committee appointed by the Minister of Health. The Committee is set up under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. This committee is supported by each District Health Board establishing a local Child and Youth Mortality Review Group. This local group provides confidential data, identifies system issues, makes recommendations to the National Committee and works to implement local actions if required.

Canterbury representatives, who make up the CYMRG, are from organisations who deal daily with children and young people. Canterbury CYMRG looks at both hospital and community deaths of children and youth, that is those over 28 days and under 25 years. This local CYMRG process allows for detail around the context of the life and death to be obtained and supports de-identified knowledge from cases to be acted on locally to interrupt causal system pathways or improve after death actions. Families are rarely contacted but are able to add to the review by filling in a questionnaire on the website <http://www.cymrc.health.govt.nz/> in their own time.