

# PWS Transition Symposium

Mount Richmond Hotel, Auckland  
Sponsored by IPWSO and Friends of IPWSO (USA)

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - For Support Agencies and Providers

- 09.30 – 09.40 Welcome and Introductions
- 09.40 – 10.10 An Overview of PWS, and a Summary of Physiological Change during the Transition Period in PWS.
- 10.10 – 10.45 The Impact of the Transition Period on People with PWS and their Families.
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- 11.00 – 11.45 Accessing the Community - creating opportunities, facilitating inclusion, and enabling aspirations.
- 11.45 – 12.00 An Ideal Future Model of Residential Support.
- 12.00 – 12.30 Tips for Transition to a Residential Support Service.
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- 13.15 – 14.20 The Importance of Good Health and Mental Wellness, especially during Transition. *Guest Speaker: Prof Paul Hofman, endocrinologist, Starship Hosp / Liggins Institute.*
- 14.20 – 14.30 The Importance of Relationships
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- 14.45 – 15.15 Balancing Rights and Independence with Health and Safety.  
*Guest Speaker: Nan Jensen, Abilityworx / Better Lives Legal: Specialists in Disability Law.*
- 15.15 – 15.45 When Things Go Wrong and Finding Solutions  
*Guest Speaker: Dr John Ford, psychologist / behaviour support specialist, Community Connections*
- 15.45 – 16.00 Questions / discussion

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - For Families / Whānau

- 10.00 – 10.05 Welcome and Introductions
- 10.05 – 10.35 What is Transition? Transition from School?  
*Guest Speaker: Marian Galvin, Transition Coordinator, Real World Living.*
- 10.35 – 10.45 The Transition Period in PWS – what the science tells us.
- 10.45 – 11.15 The Transition Period in PWS – what experience tells us.
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- 14.00 – 15.00 The Importance of Good Health and Mental Wellness, especially during Transition. *Guest Speaker: Dr Diana Andrea-Barron, psychiatrist, MHAIDS.*
- 15.00 – 15.30 The Importance of Relationships
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- 15.45 – 16.15 Balancing Rights and Independence with Health and Safety. Safeguarding systems: welfare guardianship and supported decision making.  
*Guest Speaker: Nan Jensen, Abilityworx / Better Lives Legal: Specialists in Disability Law.*
- 16.15 – 16.45 When Things Go Wrong and Finding Solutions  
*Guest Speaker: Dr John Ford, psychologist / behaviour support specialist, Community Connections*
- 16.45 – 17.00 Making a Transition Plan