Terms of Reference

National Child Information Advisory Group

The National Child Information Advisory Group (NCIAG) has been established by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) as part of an ongoing work program of information development and statistical reporting on the health and wellbeing of Australia’s children and youth. The purpose of the advisory group is to provide advice to the AIHW from a range of perspectives on current child health and wellbeing information issues. The advice of the group should cover the following areas for *A picture of Australia’s children 2009*:

1. the review of a reporting framework for child health and wellbeing;
2. the review and updating of existing indicators for reporting on issues relevant to children;
3. the appropriateness and usefulness of existing data on national child health and wellbeing, and the identification of other possible data sources including any planned future data sources;
4. the identification of new areas requiring data and or indicator development for assessing child health and wellbeing;
5. the technical aspects (analysis and interpretation of data) for the Headline Indicators of Children’s Health, Development and Well-being which will be included in the 2009 report;
6. the development of national data definitions relevant to child health and wellbeing;
7. the structure and content of the Children’s report *A Picture of Australia’s Children: 2009* to be compiled by the AIHW.

Specifically, comments on the content of the report will be sought on the following:

- Current importance of subject, both within Australia and internationally
- Overall structure of the report
- Methods appropriate and described adequately
- Subjects defined adequately (where applicable)
- Results clear, concise, relevant and credible
- Readability, quantity and quality of figures and tables
- Discussion clear, concise, justified by data or reasonable speculation
- Readability and interest for defined readership
- References up to date, relevant, no conspicuous omissions

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