



MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN SERVICE (MFC)

The use of unregulated carers to
deliver complex support

The MFC Service

- The Concept
- The Delivery
- The Outcomes
- The Challenges
- The Way Forward



The Concept

- Service Development
- Short-term home based respite
- The goal
- What is a Medically Fragile Child?

The Delivery

- Healthcare NZ
Paediatric RN Role
- Support worker role
- Flexibility



The Outcomes

- Qualitative Results
- DVD



The Challenges

- Funding
- Mitigating the Risks
 - Defining scope of practice
 - Selective recruitment
 - Training and competency assessment
 - Clinical governance and nursing systems
 - Policies and procedures
 - Clear service scope
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Communication

The Way Forward

- The future for MFC Service?
 - Growth?
- The future for non-regulated staff?
 - Supporting intensive rehabilitation?
 - Facilitating self-management of chronic conditions?
 - Assisting with primary care outreach?
 - A recognised role within models of care?

