

CPAG endorse the views of New Zealand's leading pediatricians who have highlighted New Zealand's shameful neglect of children.

Last night (Tuesday November 19, 2009) Close-up presented a shocking report on the cost of after-hours health care for our children.

Here is the link to the programme (Note: the clip begins with a short advertisement for a car):

<http://tvnz.co.nz/close-up/gambling-children-s-health-3152044/video>

CPAG urges the Government to immediately prioritise the needs of the growing number of poor children in New Zealand. In this interview Professor Innes Asher speaks of the connection between growing poverty and poor health outcomes.

CPAG urges the government to make all after hours doctors visits free for all children and significantly increase family incomes of the poorest children in New Zealand.

New Zealand already holds the dubious distinction of being one of the unhealthiest places in the OECD to bring up children - this is a trend we can and must reverse.