

Staff Notice

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Midland DHBs Regional Cooperation Project - May update for staff

Work is advancing on the framework towards a structured and co-ordinated approach to the planning and delivery of share services for the Midland DHBs.

The Chief Executives (CEs) and Chairs of the five Midland DHBs held their May monthly meeting in Taranaki, and have made the following key decisions around advancing the Midland Regional Co-operation Project.

HealthShare

- HealthShare, an entity owned jointly by the Midland DHBs, will be used as a vehicle for regional co-operative activity.
- The role of Lead CE HealthShare is to be undertaken in the interim by Lakes DHB CE Cathy Cooney, who is the current lead CE for the regional co-operation project. This interim secondment will be for the period 1 July to 30 September.

Until further work is undertaken on HealthShare back office functions, the current general manager will report to the new position of Lead CE of HealthShare.

Regional Clinical Services for Midland DHBs

- The Midland Regional Clinical Services Plan Programme Manager, Ian Goulton, will continue to have oversight of the 2011/12 Regional Clinical Service Plan Implementation Plan, and will manage the development of future regional clinical service plans (RCSPs). Future iterations of the RCSP will be more strategic with a stronger alignment between clinical service co-ordination plans; information systems plans; workforce plans; finance and asset plans and back office support plans.
- This regional programme manager role, which will report to the Lead CE of HealthShare and will be responsible for liaising with the National Health Board (NHB), on behalf of the Midland region, for regional planning and associated activities.
- Until further work is undertaken on additional regional clinical service networks as part of the 2012/2013 regional clinical service plan, the Midland Cancer Network and the Mental Health and Addictions network will report to the Lead CEO of HealthShare. Discussions have been held with these two regional teams and the regional programme manager role, and planning is under way to move them under the HealthShare umbrella.
- Until HealthShare is in a position to provide its own corporate support, the Midland Cancer Network, the Mental Health and Addictions network, and the regional programme manager's function will continue to receive corporate support from the existing lead DHBs.

Regional Workforce Development Role

- A new Workforce Development Manager role is to be created to lead regional workforce planning and development activities for the Midland region. This role will become the key regional contact for Health Workforce New Zealand and will report to the Lead CE HealthShare.

IS Developments

- A priority for information systems is the implementation of the Regional Information Systems Plan (RISP) and this will be led by Darrin Hackett, General Manager Health Intelligence (HIQ). Darrin will lead a core regional ICT leadership team which will include the chief information officers (CIOs) from each DHB and others as needed.
- This group will also be tasked to develop a regional solution for a single IT service for the Midland region.
- Darrin will be the key regional contact for the National Health IT Board (NHITB) and will report through to the Lead CE HealthShare.

Back Office Functions

- The current project manager, Erica Holtsbaum, will continue oversight of the back office solutions area and will continue to support Cathy Cooney in the overall development and operations of HealthShare until further decisions regarding appointments are made. Erica will be the key contact for Health Benefits Limited (HBL).
- Until HBL's plans provide further clarity on what it is proposing and the associated timeframes, the back office functions in the areas of **finance, procurement and service and facilities management** will not be progressed as regional shared service projects in Phase 1. Once the national agenda has been set, the national direction will drive the work and timeframes for these areas.
- This leaves work around the back office areas of legal and regulatory, media and communications and audit and risk being progressed as options for regional shared services.

Key Phase 1 Project Work

- Project Manager Erica Holtsbaum is working to a 3 June deadline for the following:
 - Prioritisation of business case development with an indication, by function, as to whether the regional business case will be focused on the whole or part of the function.
 - Complete stocktake for all co-operation work that is undertaken regionally and nationally for each of the identified functions, except those that fall within the scope of Health Benefits Limited.
 - Draft governance framework for HealthShare.
 - Legal redrafting of the HealthShare constitution.
- By 30 June, 2011 the first of the business cases will be completed for the smaller functions.

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