

Update for Central Region DHB CEOs and Boards – October 2009

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS:

- ❖ A summary communications document has been developed for DHBs to use to help explain the Regional Clinical Services Plan (RCSP). This can be downloaded from www.centratas.co.nz
- ❖ *RCSP Regional Committee.* Central Region DHB Chairs and CEOs have developed a draft terms of reference for the RCSP Regional Committee (referred to in the RCSP as the Regional Advisory Group). This committee has overall responsibility for guiding the regional work programme and its processes. Boards will consider the Terms of Reference in October.
- ❖ *Clinical Leadership.* The Clinical Leadership Group (CLG) is a regional group of clinicians made up of Chief Medical Officers/Advisors and Directors of Nursing, Chairs and Clinical Directors of regional Clinical Networks, and CEO nominated clinicians from hospitals and primary care. The CLG has now held three successful meetings and provided guidance on matters such as clinical / integrated governance, clinical network strategy and projects, how Central Region hospital services can be strengthened and IT infrastructure.
- ❖ *Strengthening Hospital Services.* Following on from the release of the RCSP further work was required to identify common service issues, as well as those services where collective effort would be beneficial and lead to their strengthening. A report has now been produced, and (along with a companion action plan that is currently being finalised) will provide focus for the region in its workforce and infrastructure planning.
- ❖ *Clinical / Integrated Governance.* Chief Medical Officers and Directors of Nursing have developed a draft discussion document describing a clinical / integrated governance approach for the Central Region. Clinical governance is described as a clinical and managerial partnership, with the responsibility and accountability for maintaining and improving standards of clinical quality and professional behaviour to enhance patient safety and care.
- ❖ *Clinical Networks Blueprint.* A draft Clinical Networks Blueprint paper is being circulated to regional functional groups for comment. The paper provides a framework in applying clinical networks formally (sometimes called managed networks) and defines (amongst other things) their purpose, accountability, and membership.
- ❖ *Cardiac Network.* The Cardiac network continues to improve the skill level of cardiac physiologists by using a regional trainer funded through the CTA. Recent projects of the Cardiac Network include:
 1. The Heart Failure Model of Integrated Care and Cardiac Rehabilitation Model of Care. The models are underpinned by Wagner's Chronic Care model. The models focus on the provision of patient centred care with the inclusion of carers. They promote a paradigm shift away from reactive care to proactive care and are now being implemented in each DHB.
 2. Pre hospital thrombolysis therapy; which is now available in the Hawke's Bay with MidCentral and Whanganui DHBs following in the next few months. Providing drugs to a patient to break up blood clots before they get to hospital has been shown to produce better outcomes for patients and saves lives.
- ❖ *Central Cancer Network.* The Central Cancer Network (CCN) has two main work programmes:
 1. Addressing Inequalities – to improve the experience for cancer patients and whānau , including clinical outcomes and access to cancer services
 2. Tumour Stream - focussing on Lung Cancer, Bowel Cancer, Head and Neck Cancer, a Multi-disciplinary Meeting framework and Cancer Imaging Guidelines (out for comment).

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Both programmes have a number of significant projects underway and further enquiry can be made by contacting the CCN and requesting a copy of their Annual Report 2008/09 and Strategic Plan.

- ❖ *Central Region Renal Network.*
 1. An Integrated Care Strategy has been produced. While specific to renal patients it is similar in its approach to the Cardiac Network Heart Failure strategy. Feedback from consultation has been very positive with the report being well supported.
 2. The Renal Information Technology project team is working through a collaborative process, alongside the region's CIOs, to identify the clinical requirements and discuss approaches and timeframes to meet the information technology needs of the renal service.
- ❖ *Plastic Surgery Services Network.* A draft service plan is in its final stages of development. A road show has met with clinicians from a number of DHBs to discuss the intended strategic direction for plastic surgery services to be less centralised and be more regionally networked. Generally there has been support in principle for the strategic plan, with interest being in a more detailed understanding of the plan's impact.
- ❖ Chief Financial Officers have produced a first draft of a regional asset management plan. The plan brings together the asset management plans of the six Central Region DHBs. Further refinement will occur over the remaining part of the year as clinicians and other managers are involved in commenting on the plan.
- ❖ Chief Information Officers have completed their work on a regional ICT Roadmap and await comments from other groups to assist with its further development. The roadmap is in response to the RCSP.

An overview document of the Regional Clinical Services Programme (provided to the CEOs and Chairs meeting, 25 May 2009) has more information about the regional programme. This document can be viewed on the website www.centaltas.co.nz

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