

Update for Central Region DHB CEOs and Boards – March 2010

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ **Regional Decision making.** The Terms of reference for both the RCSP Regional Committee (RRC) and RCSP Leadership Committee (RLC) are now finalised (see note below), with the first RRC meeting occurring on 12 April 2010. The RRC committee has overall responsibility for guiding the regional work programme and its processes.

Chairs of the Central Region DHBs are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr Bruce Gollop** as **Independent Chair of the RRC**. Bruce brings a pragmatic and unique insight to health service management from his wide range of experience in all aspects of the health sector. Bruce holds degrees in engineering and medicine and has a background in environmental engineering, clinical medicine and senior management. Bruce has specialist registration in both occupational medicine and medical administration.

Bruce has undertaken a number of leading roles in the sector including being General Manager of Auckland Hospital and Chief Executive of Northland Health, Healthcare Otago and District Health Boards, NZ. The Ministry of Health and District Health Boards have drawn on Bruce's experience of all aspects of the NZ health system to plan the range, volume and distribution of health services for both metropolitan and rural areas. Bruce has considerable experience with all aspects of health planning, hospital management and quality improvement.

RCSP Leadership Committee. The nomination process is currently underway and is expected to conclude 26 March 2010, with the first RRC meeting in April confirming the appointments.

- ❖ **Combined DHB Board meeting.** A combined Boards meeting is planned to occur on 3 May 2010. Invitations will be sent out soon finalising the details.
- ❖ **Strengthening Hospital Services project.** Three new regional projects (Radiology services, Women's services and Older Adults and Rehabilitation services) began in the period December 2009 to March 2010. They resulted from the Strengthening Hospital Services project in 2009. Initial meetings have been to identify specific service issues and to implement practical actions. Meetings have been characterised by good clinician attendance and a keenness to share information and work together to resolve a broad range of issues.
- ❖ A summary communications document, "Planning for the Future" (see note below) has been developed for DHBs to use to help explain the Regional Clinical Services Plan.

To conclude, key contacts are provided for RCSP Projects.

RCSP Project	CEO Sponsor	Chair
Radiology Services	Michael Hundleby (Hutt Valley)	Michael Hundleby (Hutt Valley)
Women's Services	Tracey Adamson (Wairarapa)	Dr Iwona Stolarek (deputy Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Hutt Valley)
Older Adult & Rehabilitation Services	Julie Patterson (Whanganui)	Dr Colin Feek (Capital & Coast)
Central Cancer Network	Murray Georgel (MidCentral)	Mike Grant (MidCentral)
Cardiac Network	Ken Whelan (Capital & Coast)	Dr Mark Simmonds (Capital & Coast)
Mental Health & Addictions Network	Ken Whelan (Capital & Coast)	Dr Alison Masters (Capital & Coast)
Plastic Surgery Services Network	Michael Hundleby (Hutt Valley)	Mr Colin Calcinaï (Hutt Valley)
Renal Network	Dr Kevin Snee (Hawke's Bay)	Dr Grant Pidgeon (Capital & Coast)
Regional Credentialling of SMOs	Dr Geoff Robinson (Chief Medical Officer, Capital & Coast)	Mr Ken Clark (Chair, Regional CMO forum)

Note: To view Terms of Reference for the RRC or RLC, or the "Planning for the Future" document please see <http://www.centraltas.co.nz/RegionalWorkProgramme/RegionalClinicalServicesPlan/>

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