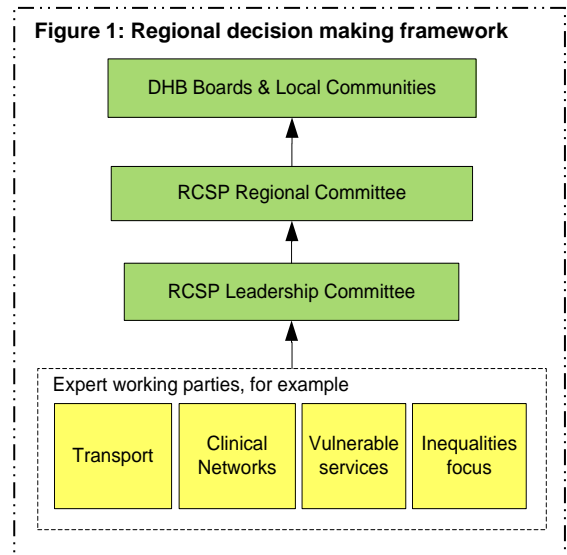


Update for Central Region DHB CEOs and Boards – November 2009

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PAST MONTH:

- ❖ The past 12 months has been formative in the life of the Regional Clinical Services Programme (RCSP). Successes include the establishment of the RCSP Steering Group, Clinical Leadership Group, Strengthening Hospital Services project, a Blueprint document for Clinical Networks, a summary RCSP Communications document for the general public, as well as a number of documents to support clinical practice such as a regional Heart Failure plan, and Renal Integrated Care strategy. Mental Health and Addiction services have also recognised that the time is right to establish a formal network with a focussed work programme. Ken Whelan (CEO, Capital & Coast DHB is the CEO Sponsor for the Mental Health and Addictions Network. Central Region DHBs are now moving towards a new regional governance framework that will help provide more focus and accountability for the RCSP going forward.
- ❖ RCSP Regional Committee. A draft terms of reference for the RCSP Regional Committee (referred to in the draft Regional Clinical Services Plan as the Regional Advisory Group) is being considered by Central Region DHB Boards. This committee has overall responsibility for guiding the regional work programme and its processes (Figure 1).
- ❖ RCSP Leadership Committee. After discussion at the regional meeting of DHB executive teams (15 October), a single integrated leadership committee was believed to be the most appropriate way for expert recommendations to be developed for the RCSP Regional Committee and to provide leadership and direction to the programme team. Terms of Reference are currently being developed, to form a recommendation to the Regional Chairs and CEOs forum on 14 December.
- ❖ Manawhenua Hauora is a newly established regional committee, comprising DHB Maori Partnership / Iwi Relationship Board members. A TAS delegation was well received and provided an overview of the RCSP at their October meeting. The engagement process between the RCSP decision making framework and Manawhenua Hauora is under discussion.
- ❖ District Annual Plans and the Regional Work Programme. The 2010/2011 planning cycle is underway with DHBs providing DAPs to Boards in February or March 2010 before submitting to the Ministry of Health. A section in DAPs will include a summary of work agreed as part of the RCSP regional programme. Two new regional projects have come from the Strengthening Hospital Services project; Radiology and Women's services. Initial regional meetings will occur in December to gauge the specific service issues and to assist the formation of project scopes.
- ❖ 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.centraltas.co.nz



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