

Welcome to another edition of Broadsheet.

Chronic Conditions Consultation

NMDHB is encouraging feedback to develop a strategy for successfully managing Chronic Conditions.

The term 'Chronic Condition' is used for long term health problems such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease. A chronic condition is defined as one that:

- Lasts, or is expected to last, a year or longer

- Limits what a person can do

- May require ongoing care

Successful Chronic Condition services are characterised by five key elements:

- Easy and early access to services

- Comprehensive assessment

- Holistic goal setting

- Individually designed, multidisciplinary interventions

- Links to maintenance and support

The consultation aims to gain views to further develop our understanding of Chronic Condition Management and Intervention requirements.

More information is available on the NMDHB web page www.nmdhb.govt.nz or you can contact the Board Office 03 546 1695 for documents which include a questionnaire which will assist you to provide feedback to us.

Written feedback is required by Friday the 28 September however the consultation period remains open till Friday 12 October 2007.

You can give feedback directly or by writing a submission to: Planning and Funding.

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Private Bag 18, NELSON, Attn: Sarah Foster, Email: sarah.foster@nmdhb.govt.nz

Funding of Sharps Containers

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board is pleased to announce that there is now funding for sharps containers for all people who need insulin to manage their diabetes. This means that the supply and disposal of all sharps containers in the Nelson Marlborough district is free for people with diabetes.

To obtain a new sharps container either bring in your present near full sharps container to swap for a new container at your next outpatients appointment or go to Enquiries at Wairau or Nelson Hospital and complete the form to swap or receive a sharps container.

After Hours GP Phone Triage

An after hours telephone triage system for the Nelson Marlborough district will be trialled over 18 months.

The Registered Nurse Telephone Triage Service will answer local GP practice phones after hours and be able to give advice over the phone. This advice may include: to phone an ambulance if it is an emergency, contact the after hours service if it is still open, phone the duty doctor to arrange a consultation, or referring patients to an appointment with the GP practice the next day. The nurse will make sure that anyone in need of care is appropriately referred. There is also the facility for a GP to leave advice with the service for specific patients who may need care over night.

The service is expected to be put in place within the next six weeks and will automatically be accessed when a GP is phoned after hours.

DHB Board Elections

Twenty nominations were received for the seven Board member positions in the 2007 DHB Election for Nelson Marlborough. Candidate profiles will be available on www.nmdhb.govt.nz on 21 September.

Voting is by postal vote, with voting closing at 12 noon, Saturday, 13 October.

The Board election will use Single Transferable Voting and results will be calculated locally with a declaration of results expected between 17 and 24 October.

The new Board will take responsibility for decisions at the December Board meeting, however newly elected members are encouraged to attend meetings between the election and December.

Candidates names appear here in the order that they were drawn to appear on the voting papers.

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| 1. Judy CROWE Nelson | 10. John MOORE Nelson |
| 2. Graeme FAULKNER
Blenheim | 11. Nigel DOWIE Nelson |
| 3. Cynthia McCONVILLE Nelson | 12. Alexander McINTYRE
Blenheim |
| 4. Grant HARRISON
Blenheim | 13. Graeme BARSANTI Havelock |
| 5. Liz RICHARDS
Richmond | 14. Janet KELLY Motueka |
| 6. Lynette JONES Blenheim | 15. Kim ROBINSON Blenheim |
| 7. Sharon BRINSDON Nelson | 16. Jenny BLACK Nelson |
| 8. Lee CORLETT Nelson | 17. Lyn MOORE Nelson |
| 9. Christine DONELLEY
Blenheim | 18. Pat LITHGOW Nelson |
| | 19. Kevin GARDENER Hope |
| | 20. Tim JACKSON Nelson |

IDSS Day Services

Intellectual Disability Support Day Services have moved into new premises at 14 Packham Cres, Stoke. Thirty staff employed by NMDHB provide recreation, leisure and vocational support for around 160 people. This service moved from Braemar Campus and Whakatu House on Waimea Rd to this new site.



Outreach Immunisation Service

The Outreach Immunisation Service is making an important contribution to improving immunisation rates in the district. The service was set up to make contact with families who had not followed up with immunisations for their children. As at mid August the service had received 134 referrals from the National Immunisation Register (NIR). The focus of the service had so far been to re-engage families with their GP. Opportunistic vaccinations by accredited nurse teams have also started.

Oral Health

Nelson and Marlborough GP practices are giving out five-month oral health kits that contain child toothbrush, toothpaste, sticker and pamphlets on oral health. The kits are given out by practice nurses at a child's five month immunisation visit.

Meetings

Hospital Advisory Committee

Nelson
1pm Tuesday
11 Sept 2007

District Health Board

Nelson
10am Tuesday
25 Sept 2007

Disability Support Advisory Committee

Blenheim
12 noon Tuesday
9 October 2007

Community and Public Health Advisory Committee

Nelson
1pm Tuesday
16 October 2007