



Media Release

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Subject: **New Clinical Nurse Managers Appointed**

New Clinical Nurse Managers (CNMs) have been appointed at Wairau Hospital to take charge of the newly designed facilities.

These new roles have been developed as part of the new staffing model which will be supported by the new facility.

The new roles and appointments are as below:

- Combined Inpatient CNM – Sue Allen
- ED/HDU/AAU CNM – Sharon North
- Combined Outpatients and Oncology CNM – Brenda McAlpine
- Maternity CNM, Graham Cross and Paediatric CNM, Sue Smart, have been reconfirmed in their existing roles.

Sue Allen, Inpatient CNM, is excited about the new role. “I’m really looking forward to commencing the role and being part of the exciting change at Wairau Hospital,” commented Sue. “We have three really good teams from AT&R, medical and surgical departments who will integrate into a 47 bed inpatient area. They will be a fantastic group to work with”.

Sue sees the new combined inpatient department as being a wonderful environment for patients and staff with the added opportunity for staff to be involved in “cross-skilling and sharing knowledge.”

Two Associate Charge Nurse Managers are currently being recruited for the Inpatient department and Sue is looking forward to leading an enthusiastic, energetic and positive inpatient team into the future.

Sharon North is excited about the combined HDU/AAU/ED role. Sharon is looking forward to “working towards developing an integrated hot floor and the potential for improving patient flow with the Acute Assessment Unit (AAU).”

The CNMs will officially commence their roles after a thorough orientation.

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