
MEMO

To: Board Members
From: Elizabeth Wood, Chair of Clinical Governance Committee
Date: 23 April 2019
Subject: **Clinical Governance Report**

Status

This report contains:

- For decision
- Update
- Regular report
- For information

Key messages from the NMH Clinical Governance Committee (CGC) meeting held on 5 April 2019 are as follows:

DHB CGC approved:

- **Introducing New Clinical Practice for Health Technologies, including Pharmaceuticals:** The policy has been updated and aims to ensure a formal organised process that oversees the introduction of new clinical practices. The process will ensure that proposed changes can be safely, appropriately and effectively delivered within NMH in an equitable and culturally appropriate fashion.

DHB CGC congratulated:

- The Bowel Screening team for the significant progress, achieving positive results and continuing to undertake roadshows to raise awareness, including partnering with the GM Maori & Vulnerable Populations to ensure access for these populations.
- Improving efficiency, process and pathways for transition into the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) quality improvement initiative, which aims to improve pathways for clients transitioning to CAMHS. The initiative has resulted in a more streamlined referral pathway, avoiding duplications and delays in accessing the service.

DHB CGG noted:

- **Advocacy Service:** Appointment has been made of two new roles to support patients; the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service has appointed a local health advocate. The Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service is a free service that operates independently from all health and disability service providers, government agencies and HDC. The DHB has also appointed a new complaints coordinator, who will be available to help support staff, patients and improve the timeliness of our responses to external agencies like the HDC.

Elizabeth Wood
Chair Clinical Governance Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE CLINICAL GOVERNANCE REPORT.