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Quality Account 2016

Patient stories and healthcare initiatives in Nelson Marlborough



Real people, real stories

The 2016 Nelson Marlborough Health Quality Account gives a snapshot of some of our healthcare initiatives. These include projects to reduce numbers in ED, better access to sexual healthcare, electronic drug charts, diabetes clinics and more. You can read the account on our website. nmdhb.govt.nz/quality-account

New initiative to help prevent falls



At Nelson Marlborough Health we strive to continually improve patient safety. Preventing falls is a long-running focus, which has been strengthened by the introduction of a new acute falls sticker system.

A sticker is placed in a patient's clinical notes when they've had a fall in hospital. The stickers give a visible record of a fall and precautions are put in place to their safety and wellbeing.

The acute falls sticker system is designed to aid communication, improve clinical documentation and meet patient safety requirements.

Thanks for your thoughts and input

Thank you to everyone who has attended the public meetings at community halls, marae and bowling clubs around the district to share your thoughts and ideas on the way our healthcare might look in the future. All your feedback will be collated and help inform our *Primary and Community Health Strategy*. The strategy will be completed by the end of the year. View the draft strategy at www.nmdhb.govt.nz/health-strategy



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BOARD TALK



As a result of the elections last month there will be at least two new Nelson Marlborough District Health Board members. Sadly, we say goodbye to Jessica Bagge and Pat Heaphy who have both served their communities well and brought a wide range of skills to the boardroom. We thank them for their energy and three years of dedication to the task. We will welcome Stephen Valance and Alan Panting to the Board in December plus the four people who are appointed by the Minister of Health. Stephen and Alan are both retired surgeons who have previously worked for Nelson Marlborough Health.

On a different note, last month our junior doctors took strike action. I would like to thank all those who maintained our services and kept the disruption to a minimum, especially our senior medical staff. Also a big thank you to our partners in primary care who did what they could outside of the hospital. Summer is just around the corner, so it's time to clean the BBQ and get ready to slip, slop, slap.

Jenny Black

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