
MEMO

To: Board Members
From: Judith Holmes, Consumer Council Chair
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Subject: **Consumer Council Report**

Status

This report contains:

- For decision
- Update
- ✓ Regular report
- ✓ For information

The Consumer Council met in Nelson on Monday 11 December.

The Alliance Support Manager – Health of Older People presented to the Council on Advance Care Planning. The Council were very supportive of plans to expand the use of Advance Care Plans within the Nelson Marlborough region. Increasing consumer awareness of Advance Care Planning, and providing support for providers and practitioners to work with the community were considered key to increasing the uptake. The Council will provide support and advice as the Advanced Care Planning work progresses.

Two Consumer Council members attended the Ministry of Health Digital Health Strategy Meeting during November. The meeting provided an overview of the draft strategy, and the Council members were pleased that focus is on a people-centred system, which has flexibility and supports co-operation between regions.

The Consumer Council have prepared an End of Year report which is attached as item 4.1. The Council have enjoyed a year of growth and participation, and look forward to supporting Nelson Marlborough Health in 2018.

Judith Holmes
Consumer Council Chair

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE BOARD RECEIVES THE CONSUMER COUNCIL REPORT.